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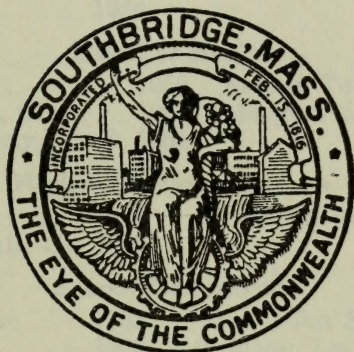


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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT



TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

YEAR ENDING

December 31, 1952

SOUTHBRIDGE TYPSETTING COMPANY
SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS
1953

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1952

ELECTED OFFICERS

Treasurer

Norbert C. Benoit 1955

Town Clerk

Clare Boyer — Ex-Officio

Public Welfare

Marie Lariviere	1955	Ovide Desrosiers, Ch.	1953
Hermas Lippe, Clerk	1954	Herbert Michon	Agent

Old Age Assistance

Ovide Desrosiers, Chairman	Hermas Lippe
Marie Lariviere	Herbert Michon, Agent

Assessors

Joseph Lafleche	1955	Charles Normandin	1953
Raymond Benoit	1954		

Board of Health

Henry Demers	1955	Ernest Tetreault, Agent
Dr. Raym. Haling, Ch.	1953	Marguerite Houle, Nurse
Dr. Rbt. W. DeJordy, Clerk	1954	

Highway Commissioners

Anthony Ciesla	1955	Arthur H. Bachand	1954
Albert J. Arsenault, Ch	1953		

School Committee

Belmore St. Amant	1955	Mrs. John Steen	1955
Linnea Beck	1953	Eugene Leblanc	1953
Lorenzo Beaupre	1954	Paul A. Roy	1954

World War Memorial Trustees

J. Gerard Nolet	1953	Ovila Donais	1955
Blaise Trudeau	1953	Adelard Donais	1953
William Berry	1954	Roch Lafleche	1954

Cemetery Committee

Jesse Blackburn	1955	Lectance Landry	1954
George Dumas	1953		

Constables

Blaise Trudeau	1953	Bernard Richard	1954
Raoul Meunier	1955		

Tax Collector

Mederic Duhamel 1954

Planning Board

Francis N. Bishop	1954	Raymond Yates	1956
Edmund Ryan	1955	Edward M. Walsh	1957

Sewer Commissioners

J. George Page	1955	Alfred Gaudreau	1953
Raymond Bachand	1954		

Park Commissioners

Thomas Monaco	1955	Edgar McCann	1954
Earl Wonderlie	1954		

Moderator

Willard R. Stark	1953
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Tree Warden

Chester J. Maska	1953
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Commissioners of Trust Funds

Vincent T. Walsh	1955	Charles Hart	1954
James Fallon	1953		

Southbridge Housing Authority

Omer L. Perron	1954	Felix Carmel	1956
Francois Sansoucy	1953	Louis J. Ciprari,	
Arthur Cabana	1955	appointed by the state.	

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS — 1952

Assistant Clerk to Selectmen

Julian C. Gabree	1953
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Town Accountant

Leon Caron	1953
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Town Counsel

Robert Niedermeyer	1953
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Town Engineer

Henry Racicot	1953
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Veterans' Benefit Agent

Paul H. Benoit	1953
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Veterans' Service Department

Paul H. Benoit	1953
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Care of Town Clock

Earl O'Clair	1953
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Recreation Committee

Frank Skinyon	1955	Francis Ashe	1953
Willard Stark	1955	Joseph Duffy	1953
Earl Wonderlie	1954	Norman Staves	1955
John E. Merrill	1953	Lorenzo Beaupre	1953
T. Monaco	1955	Lewis Kyrios	1955
Louis Brunelle	1953	Henry Racicot	1953
Edgar McCann	1953	Alfred Ferron	1955

Superintendent of Schools

Robert H. McCarn

Pound Keeper

Frederick H. Dowling	1953
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Keeper of Lock-Up

Ovide Desrosiers	1953	Wilfred Borey	1953
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Custodian of Town Hall

Oliver Proulx	1953
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Animal Inspector

Alcide Fournier	1953
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Plumbing Inspector

Joseph Chagnon	1953
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Milk Inspector

Joseph Chagnon	1953
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Building Inspector

A. Raymond Dartt	1953
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Wire Inspector

Clarence Bachand	1953
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Sealer of Weights and Measures

R. R. Lariviere	1953
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Registrars of Voters

Harmel Houde	1955	Timothy Moriarty	1953
Wesley K. Cole	1954	Clare Boyer, ex-officio	

Fire Department

Oswald Meunier, Chief	Daniel Daniels, Dep. Chief
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Moth Superintendent

Chester J. Maska	1953
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Superintendent of Fire Alarms

Norman Larochelle	1953
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Fire Warden

Oswald Meunier	1953	Albert Servant	1953
Joseph Mandeville	1953	Rosario Bellerose	1953
Emile Caouette	1953	Archie Langevin	1953
Romeo Lippe	1953	Charles Normandin	1953
Harry Michaels	1953		

Fence Viewers

Euclid Gatineau	1953	Raymond Bellerive	1953
Alphonse Renna	1953	August Kowalski	1953

Finance Committee

Edgar V. Lewis	1953	Alan G. Ferguson	1954
Vangel Costa	1955	John Rischitelli	1954
Joseph Gallery	1953	Joseph Swiacki	1954
Joseph Piasta	1953	Rockford Lavoie	1955
Stuart Casavant	1953	Albert Steg	1955
George Metras	1953	Vincent Piucci	1955
Louis T. Allard	1954	Stephen Simonelli	1954

Honor Roll Committee

Raymond Benoit	1953	Doris Loiselle	1953
Ronaldo Guertin	1953	Armand DeAngelis	1953
Louis Gubb	1953	Hector Brodeur	1953
Bernard Beauregard	1953		

Measurers of Wood and Bark

Thomas L. Hughes	1953	John J. Hogan	1953
Clifford McKinstry	1953	Royce Fitzpatrick	1953

Field Drivers

Albert Lamarine	1953	George Fitts	1953
James Laughnane	1953		

Soldiers Burial Officers

William J. Congdon	1953	Arthur Eno	1953
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Public Weighers

Jacob Edwards	1953	Raymond Fitzpatrick ..	1953
Ralph McKinstry	1953	Dorsi Ryan	1953
Loretta Fitzpatrick	1953	Argentina Damian	1953
William Cox	1953	Rita Damian	1953
Beatrice Peloquin	1953	Arthur H. Gendron	1953
Harry Michaels	1953	Elaine Keyes	1953
Thomas Hughes	1953		

Zoning Board of Appeals

Peter Graf	1954	Mitchell Kurposki	1953
Edward Seremet	1955		

Inspector of Petroleum

Rudolph Lariviere 1953

Dog Officer

Albert Lamarine 1953

Care of Veterans Graves

William J. Congdon 1953

Retirement Board

Leon Caron 1953 J. Alfred Dumas 1953

Paul H. Benoit 1953

Airport Committee

Emile Arsenault 1957 Ira W. Brackett 1955

Albert DiGregorio 1953 William LeGate 1956

Edmund Ryan 1954

JURY LIST

MALE

Name and Address	Occupation
Anderson, Albert J., 41 Chestnut St.	Tool and Die Maker
Ashton, Francis W., 172 Dresser St.	Optical Truer
Bachand, Edward E., 16 Williams St.	Carpenter
Ballard, Francis A., 391 Hamilton St.	Parts Manager
Beaupre, Arthur N., 235 Mechanic St.	Machine Worker
Bednarczk ,John J., 201 Everett St.	Tool Maker
Belrose, Harold N., 161 Sayles St.	Grinder
Bibeau, Rodolphe A., 53 Worcester St.	Machinist
Blair, Alfred F., 331 Dennison Drive	Trucking
Blais, Napoleon J., 402 Worcester St.	Glass Worker
Blanchette, Leon, 27 Union St.	Carpenter
Bolduc, Albert A., 255 Mechanic St.	Lens Worker
Brown, Robert E., 129 Charlton St.	Packer
Clifford, Richard F., 327 Hamilton St .	Textile Worker
Cardrant, Leo E., 579 Main St.	Truck Driver
Caron, Anatole, Jr., 33 River St.	Salesman
Caron, Philias, 16 Water St.	Custodian
Cartier, Joseph, Jr., 117 Worcester St.	Auto Dealer
Cloutier, Armand J., 400 Main St.	Truer
Coderre, Henry F., 560 South St.	Merchant
Cronin, Thomas F., 340 Hamilton St.	Yarn Inspector
Daigle, Alexander A., 67 Highland St.	Foreman
Darzenkiewicz, Walter J., 16 Wardwell Ct.	Machinist
DeAngelis, Phillip M., 80 Sayles St.	Student
Demers, Charles H., 62 Highland St.	Textile Worker
Donais, Adelard G., 133 Everett St.	Mechanic
Dow, Roland W., 42 Pleasant St.	Optical Worker
Dufault, Joseph, 155 Mechanic St.	Laborer
Durocher, Joseph R., 107 Pine St.	Forger
Duquette, Albert F., 14 Worcester St.	Dyer
Ethier, Louis G., 244 Mechanic St.	Taxi Driver
Emery, Ernest H., 41 Cross St.	Weaver
Farland, Ernest A., 15 Chestnut St.	Lens Moulder
Flood, Henry F., 327 Main St.	Optical Worker
Fontaine, Lucian, 86 Chestnut St.	Machinist
Fontaine, Hermenegilde, 86 Chestnut St.	Optical Worker
Fortin, Clarence J., 20 Fairmont St.	Textile Worker
Fournier, Joseph E., 53 West St.	Wet Grinder

Gaumond, Harvey W., 161 Mechanic St.	Taxi Driver
Gauthier, Phillip, 412 Charlton St.	Clerk
Gauthier, Alexis J., 516 Charlton St.	Unit Leader
Gauthier, Pierre W., 630 Main St.	Steam Fitter
Genereux, Homer A., 103 Charlton St.	Steam Fitter
Gendreau, Joseph U., 119 Pleasant St.	Knife Maker
Gendron, Raymond H., 149 Mechanic St.	Hot Frame Operator
Giroux, Herman, 26 Marsh St.	Cafe Owner
Graf, Peter, 205 Main St.	Foreman
Gravel, Lionel J., 432 Charlton St.	Press Operator
Guignard, Joseph A., 78 Sayles St.	Machine Grinder
Hatton, Thomas, 296 Main St.	Machine Grinder
Hebert, Armand F., 55 Coombs St.	Milling Machine
Jolin, Jean B., 272 Mechanic St.	Lens Grinder
Julien, William, 105 Charlton St.	Lens Grinder
Kathan, Alden LeRoy, 30 Pleasant St.	Optical Worker
Kingsley, Walter E., 19 Franklin Ter.	Press Operator
Lacasse, Hormidas 2 Lens Ct.	Optical Worker
Lafleche, Albert, 59 Main St.	Optical Worker
Laliberte, Oliver J., 71 River St.	Press Operator
Landry, Lectance, 62 Lovely St.	Painter
Lamothe, Charles D., 23 Chestnut St.	Drawing
Lamontagne, Henry, 37 River St.	Press Operator
Lapointe, Lionel J., 398 Worcester St.	Shipping Clerk
Laporte, Alexis, 119 West St.	Textile Worker
Lariviere, Ubald A., 102 Lebanon St.	Cutlery Finisher
Lavallee, Adelard, 75 Crystal St.	General Maintenance
Lavallee, Napoleon J., 88 School St.	Retired
Leblanc, Wilfred J., 219 Charlton St.	Machinist
Leblanc, Leon L., 372 Hamilton St.	Yarn Inspector
Leblanc, Oswald H., 54 Westwood Parkway	Lens Setter
Leboeuf, Roland A., 27 Chestnut St.	Stock Clerk
Lemoine, Ferdinand, 22 Edwards St.	Supervisor
Libera, Joseph, 9 Ballard Ct.	Textile Worker
Libuda, Joseph, 24 Caron St.	Foreman
Loranger, Edward W., 127 Pleasant St.	Machinist
Mathieu, Isaie, 288 Mechanic St.	Janitor
Matte, Archille J., 262 Mechanic St.	Rulling
Monaco, Thomas J., 115 North St.	Lens Moulder
Monnette, Moise G., 122 Hamilton St.	Part Time Clerk
Mundell, Homer W., 59 Highland St.	Steam Fitter
Martel, Arthur P., 538 Main st.	Insurance Salesman
McCann, George, 43 Worcester St.	Janitor
Nichols, Thomas J., 29 Fiske St.	Unemployed

Paquette, Walter O., 257 Brickyard Rd.	Stock Clerk
Parent, Amie E., 9 Hillcrest Ave.	Electrician
Patenaude, George J. 12 Pine St.	Mill Hand
Paquin, William, 32 Worcester St.	Inspector
Peloquin, Armand, 86 Worcester St.	Optical Worker
Pezzetti, John W., 410 Elm St.	Salesman
Pinsonneault, Richard G., 205 Marcy St.	Press Operator
Paulhus, Andrew, 56 Taft St.	Hand Edger
Paul, Wilbrod J., 395 Elm St.	Optical Worker
Pinsonneault, Laurier, 109 Pine St.	Bench Worker
Plasse, Herman, 79 Fairlawn Ave.	Optical Worker
Plouffe, George E., 135 Marcy St.	Retired
Proulx, Charles F., 81 Walcott St.	Carpenter
Petit, Alberic, 105 Old Sturbridge Rd.	Steam Fitter
St. Martin, Rudolphe, 466 Worcester St.	Machinist
Santo, Dominic, 462 Elm St.	Foreman
Savaria, Valmore P., 115 Woodstock Rd.	Millwright
Stevens, Nicholas, 33 Oaks Ave.	Grocer
St. George, Regnault, 38 Foster St.	Optical Worker
Stypulkowski, Anthony, 110 Old Sturbridge Rd.	Sales Mgr.
Trembley, Albert J., 240 Marcy St.	Optical Worker
Talbot, Ernest J., 34 Hamilton St.	Frame Worker
Tasciotti, Ralph, 60 Sayles St.	Knife Worker
Tavernier, Omer J., 10 Lens St.	Press Operator
Therrien, Armand, 87 Crystal St.	Store Clerk
Trahan, Ovila, 18 Clark St.	Cabinet Maker
Trembley, Leodore, 276 Charlton St.	Supervisor
Thompson, Roger B., 227 Hillside Rd.	Machinist
Varin, Raymond J., 110 Mechanic St.	Bookkeeper
Vecchia, Albert F., 60 Sayles St.	Woodworker
Volpini, Ranato, 193 Eastford Rd.	Optical Worker

FEMALE

Name and Address	Occupation
Bachand, Marie A., 43 Randolph St.	Housewife
Ballard, Estelle C., 391 Hamilton St.	Clerical Worker
Benoit, Doris Anne, 44 High St.	Housewife
Boutillier, Mae, 112 Hamilton St.	Housewife
Brouillette, Eva, 89 Worcester St.	Housewife
Benoit, Rose Anna, 256 Dennison Drive	Housewife
Carpenter, Jeanette, 246 Mechanic St.	Inspector
Decker, Florence O., 206 Chapin St.	Housewife
Dubreuil, Julia, 11 Sayles St.	Housewife
Duhamel, Elizabeth, 346 Alpine Drive	Tax Collector

Gagnon, Anna M., 53 Newell Ave.	Housewife
Gaumont, Stephanie, 711 Main St.	Housewife
Gauthier, Florence A., 234 Breakneck Rd.	Wrapper
Jalbert, Mabel E., 171 Sayles St.	Housewife
Lariviere, Marie E., 97 Everett St.	Housewife
Lariviere, Beatrice M., 102 Lebanon St.	Saleslady
Lafleche, Lea, 47 Green Ave.	Optical Worker
Lavallee, Lillian L., 126 Litchfield Ave.	Housewife
Lippe, Isidora A., 214 Marcy St.	Housewife
Mathieu, Mrs. Orianda, 228 Mechanic St.	Saleslady
Proulx, Lillianne G., 92 Charlton St.	Social Worker
Russell, Mary Rose, 86 Hamilton St.	Housewife
Shepard, Rose P., 77 Hamilton St.	Housewife
Sullivan, Evelyn E., 40 South St.	Clerk
Salak, Alice Gertrude, 801 Worcester St.	Housewife
Trudeau, Atwilda, 35 Central St.	Housewife
Varin, Laura, 110 Mechanic St.	Clerk
Walsh, Mary G., 59½ Fiske St.	Housewife

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The Board of Selectmen hereby submit the following report of the activities of the department for the year of 1952.

The Board organized under date of March 4, 1952, J. Gerard Nolet was appointed Chairman of the Board, Rosario Arpin was appointed Clerk of the Board and Emile J. Martin serving as the third member of the Board.

On October 6, 1952, Mr. Arpin resigned from the Board, due to his appointment to the Board of Assessors, temporarily replacing Mr. Joseph Lafleche, deceased. We greatly regretted the loss of Mr. Arpin, who was serving his seventh term on this board with servitude at all times.

With all other Town Departments, we have done our best to improve conditions within the Town, and to give our citizens good government at a minimum cost.

The income of the board for 1952 was \$17,443.50 and was received from the following items.

Liquor Licenses

6	Club All-Alcoholic	@ \$300.00	\$ 1,800.00
3	Club Wine and Malt	100.00	300.00
2	Innholder All-Alcoholic	600.00	1,200.00
2	Innholder Wine and Malt	200.00	400.00
12	Restaurant All-Alcoholic	500.00	6,000.00
11	Restaurant Wine and Malt	200.00	2,200.00
4	Package Goods All-Alcoholic	300.00	1,200.00
6	Package Goods Wine and Malt	100.00	600.00
5	Drug Store All-Alcoholic	50.00	250.00
21	One Day Wine and Malt	1.00	21.00
1	Special Wine and Malt — 1 month	8.50	8.50
1	Special Wine and Malt — 3 months	25.50	25.50
4	Seasonal All-Alcoholic	150.00	600.00
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Total			\$14,605.00

2	Innholder Licenses	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.00
53	Common Victuallers Licenses	3.00	159.00
46	Sunday Store Licenses	3.00	138.00
30	Auto Dealer Licenses	3.00	90.00
93	Taxi Driver Licenses ..	1.00	93.00
21	Taxi Owner Licenses	1.00	21.00
7	Lodging House Licenses	1.00	7.00
3	Storage Tank Licenses .....	.50	1.50
5	Sale of Fire Arms Licenses	3.00	15.00
81	Sign Permits	1.00	81.00
2	Parking Lot Permits	2.00	4.00
42	Pin Ball Machine Licenses	20.00	840.00
4	Pin Ball Machine replacements	2.00	8.00
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		Total	\$ 1,463.50

Rentals

Town Hall	\$ 125.00
Court House	1,200.00
Lock-Up	50.00
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Total	\$ 1,375.00

Grand Total \$17,443.50

The expenses of operating our department are given in the report prepared by the Town Accountant, and for that reason are not enumerated here.

We wish to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the other departments, committees, and all others who have co-operated with us during the past year to promote good government.

Respectfully yours,

J. GERARD NOLET,
EMILE J. MARTIN,
Selectmen.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

Vital Statistics

Total Number of Births Registered	551
Total Number of Deaths Registered	207
Total Number of Marriages Registered	182
Total Number of Marriage Intentions	161

Miscellaneous Licenses Recorded

Auctioneer's	2
Bowling and Pool	3
Junk	10
Hawkers' and Peddlers'	7
Gasoline	43
Garage	61
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Total licenses issued	126
Amount paid to Treasurer	\$235.50

Dog Licenses Issued

Number of Licenses:	
Male	576
Female	75
Spayed Female	222
Kennel	6
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Total licenses issued	879
Amount paid to Treasurer	\$1,855.20

Sporting Licenses Issued

Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	754
Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	264
Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses	272
Resident Citizens' Minors' Fishing Licenses	85
Resident Citizens' Women's Fishing Licenses	160
Resident Minor Trappers' License	1
Resident Citizens' Trapping Licenses	9
Non-Resident Citizens' 3-Day Fishing Licenses	10
Non-Resident Citizens' or Resident Alien Fishing Lic.	10
Non-Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	2
Duplicate Licenses	9
Resident Citizens' Sporting and Trapping Lic. — Free	91
Resident Military or Naval Service Sport. Lic.—Free	49

Resident Citizens' Old Age Assistance & to the	
Blind Fishing Licenses	13
Total Licenses issued	1,733
Amount paid to Division of	
Fisheries and Game	\$5,030.50

List of Jurors Drawn by Selectmen During 1952

Lea Lafleche of 47 Green Avenue.
 Roland Leboeuf of 27 Chestnut Street.
 George Plouffe of 135 Marcy Street.
 Albert F. Duquette of 14 Worcester Street.
 Florence Decker of 206 Chapin Street.
 Charles H. Demers of 62 Highland Street.
 Estelle C. Ballard of 391 Hamilton Street.
 Atwilda Trudeau of 55 Central Street.
 Oswald H. Leblanc of 54 Westwood Parkway
 Adelard Lavallee of 75 Crystal Street.
 Alice G. Salek of 801 Worcester Street.
 Ernest H. Emery of 41 Cross Street.
 Lillian L. Lavallee of 126 Litchfield Avenue.
 Urban G. Bertrand of 370 Hamilton Street.
 Dominic Santo of 462 Elm Street.
 Herman Giroux of 26 Marsh Street.
 Alden L. Kathan of 30 Pleasant Street.
 Rudolph Bibeau of 53 Worcester Street.
 Roland W. Dow of 42 Pleasant Street.
 Francis W. Ashton of 172 Dresser Street.
 Armand Hebert of 55 Coombs Street.
 Leodore Tremblay of 276 Charlton Street.

Meetings Held During 1952

Annual Election of Town Officers	March 3, 1952
Annual Business Meeting	March 10, 1952
Adjourned Town Meeting	March 14, 1952
Presidential Primaries	April 29, 1952
Special Town Meeting	June 23, 1952
State Primaries	September 16, 1952
Recount for County Commissioners	September 22, 1952
National Election	November 4, 1952
Special Town Meeting	December 29, 1952

Respectfully submitted,
 CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

For Year Ending December 31, 1952

Cash on Hand, Jan. 1, 1952	\$ 436,662.89	
Receipts for 1952	2,248,075.72	
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		\$2,684,738.61
1952 Disbursements		2,216,967.06
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Balance, Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1952		\$ 467,771.55

FUNDED DEBT

Due 1953	Denominated	Date of Issue	Amt. of Loan	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1952
\$ 6,000.00	Eastford Rd. and West St. Schools	1936	\$152,490.00	\$24,000.00
4,000.00	Northern Dist. Elem. School	1938	80,000.00	24,000.00
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\$10,000.00				\$48,000.00

TEMPORARY LOANS

\$100,000.00—Anticipation of Taxes, Due May 1, 1953.

POST WAR FUND

2¼% U.S. Treasury Bonds dated Feb. 1, 1944	\$ 75,000.00
2¼% U.S. Treasury Bonds dated June 1, 1945	75,000.00
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	\$150,000.00
Coupons and Sav. Bank Interest thru Dec. 31, 1952	29,454.86
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Total Fund	\$179,454.86

TRUST FUND

Depository	Balance Jan. 1, 1952	Int. 1952	Balance Dec. 31, 1952
Mary Mynott Fund			
Southbridge Savings Bank	\$1,000.00	\$ 27.50	\$1,000.00
Boyer Fund			
Southbridge Savings	446.39	12.35	458.74

Jesse J. Angell Fund

Southbridge Savings Bank	1,485.63	41.12	1,526.75
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Ella M. Cole Fund

Attleboro Savings Bank	1,000.00	20.00	1,000.00
Cambridge Savings Bank	1,000.00	32.50	1,000.00
Charlestown 5-Cent Sav. Bank	1,000.00	26.25	1,000.00

Hannah Edwards Fund

First National Bank of Boston, Trustee	5,000.00	135.00	5,000.00
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Mabel Murphy Fund

Southbridge Savings Bank	2,000.00	55.00	2,000.00
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Adah Stedman Fund

Southbridge Credit Union	1,000.00	30.00	1,000.00
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CEMETERY FUND

Depository	Balance Dec. 31, 1952	Int. 1952
Cambridge Savings Bank	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 97.50
Dedham Institution for Savings	2,000.00	60.00
Gardner Savings Bank	3,000.00	75.00
Lynn Institution for Savings	2,000.00	52.50
Leominster Savings Bank	2,475.00	74.26
Millbury Savings Bank	1,453.52	45.41
New Bedford 5-Cent Savings Bank	3,000.00	75.00
Natick 5-Cent Savings Bank	2,500.00	75.00
Southbridge Savings Bank	10,100.00	289.28
Salem 5-Cent Savings Bank	3,000.00	90.00
Winchendon Savings Bank	3,000.00	97.50
Ware Savings Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Webster 5-Cent Savings Bank	1,714.68	42.86
Worcester 5-Cent Savings Bank	2,000.00	57.50
Worcester Co-Op. Fed. Bank	4,000.00	105.00
Workingmen's Co-op.	4,000.00	100.00
Merchant's Co-op.	4,000.00	120.00
Mattapan Co-op.	2,000.00	60.00
Mt. Washington Co-op.	4,000.00	120.00

Congress Co-op.	4,000.00	100.00
Southbridge Co-op.	2,000.00	60.00
Merrimack Co-op.	2,000.00	60.00
Suffolk Co-op.	4,000.00	100.00
Minot Co-op.	2,000.00	50.00
Lincoln Co-op.	2,000.00	60.00
Southbridge Credit Union	4,000.00	120.00
Southbridge Credit Union	2,492.10	51.08
Totals	<u>\$81,735.30</u>	<u>\$ 2,297.89</u>
Cemetery Fund as of January 1, 1952		81,235.30
Added to Fund, 1952		500.00
Cemetery Fund — December 31, 1952		<u>\$81,735.30</u>

Respectfully submitted,
NORBERT C. BENOIT,
Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1952. All appropriations voted since 1951 Tax Rate was fixed.

Tax Rate for 1952 was set at \$56.20.

Total appropriations as certified by Town Clerk to be raised by Taxation	\$1,355,966.38
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Total appropriations voted to be taken from available funds. In 1952 since 1951 Tax Rate was fixed	168,315.23	\$1,524,281.61
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STATE:

	1952 Estimates	1951 Underestimates	
Tax & Assessments			
State Parks & Reservations	\$2,510.34		
State Audit of Municipal Account	890.47		
State Examination of Retirement System	47.67		
	\$ 3,448.48		
			\$ 3,448.48

COUNTY:

Tax & Assessments			
County Tax	\$50,532.43		
Tuberculosis	30,794.67	\$1,861.74	
	\$81,327.10	\$1,861.74	\$ 83,188.84

OVERLAY of current year	21,000.00
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GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	\$1,631,918.93
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Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:

Estimated receipts for the year 1951	\$ 501,660.94
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OVERESTIMATES of previous
year to be used as available funds:

County Tax	\$ 2,542.97	
State Park & Reservations	458.18	

**Amounts Voted to be Taken from
Available Funds:**

Amounts and dates of approval
by Commissioner of Corporations
and Taxation:

\$ 882.30—June 25, 1951
4,541.09—Sept. 5, 1951
20,000.00—Nov. 29, 1951
11,991.84—Dec. 31, 1951
100,900.00—March 10, 1952
30,000.00—March 10, 1952

\$168,315.23

\$ 168,315.23

\$ 672,977.32

**Total Estimated Receipts and
Available Funds**

\$ 672,977.32

**Net Amounts to be Raised by Taxa-
tion on Polls and Property**

\$ 958,941.61

Number of Polls 5670 @ \$2.00 each \$ 11,340.00

Total Valuation:

Personal Property \$ 2,847,400.00 \$160,023.88

Real Estate 14,013,840.00 787,577.81

**Total Assessed Valua-
tion on Personal and
Real Estate** \$16,861,240.00

Loss on Account of fraction
divisions of Tax Rate

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**Total Taxes Levied
on Polls & Property**

\$ 958,941.61

**Items Not entering into the
Determination of Tax Rate:**

Betterment & Special As-
sessments added to taxes:

Sewer Assessments in 1952

and Interest (Apportioned) \$ 380.66

Total of all Other Commitments

\$ 380.66

Total Amount of all Taxes on Polls and Property and Assess- ments Committed to the Tax Collector to Date of Tax Rate	\$ 959,322.27
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ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS:

May 5, 1952 — Poll Tax	\$ 50.00	
Warrant to Collector, May 5, 1952		\$ 50.00
June 10, 1952 — Poll Tax	50.00	
Warrant to Collector, June 10, 1952		50.00
October 27, 1952 — Poll Tax	26.00	
Warrant to Collector, October 27, 1952		26.00
December 4, 1952 — Sewer	1,040.13	
Warrant to Collector, December 4, 1952		1,040.13
December 4, 1952 — Sewer	4,614.98	
Warrant to Collector, December 4, 1952		4,614.98
December 10, 1952 — Sewer	578.97	
Warrant to Collector, December 10, 1952		578.97
December 10, 1952 — Sidewalk	456.94	
Warrant to Collector, December 10, 1952		456.94

Total Warrants to Collector on Polls, Real Estate, Personal, Sewer, Sidewalk and Omitted Assessments for 1952	\$ 966,139.29
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Valuation of Motor Vehicles for 1952	\$2,508,310.00	
Tax on Motor Vehicles for 1952	118,671.90	
Warrant to Collector for 1952		\$ 118,671.90

Total Assessed Valuation for 1952 Including Motor Vehicles	\$19,369,550.00
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Total Warrants to Collector For 1952	\$1,084,811.19
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Value of Exempted Property

Churches, Parsonages, Schools and Hospital	\$1,494,300.00
Town Property	1,494,085.00
U. S. Post Office	98,000.00
U. S. Government Housing Project	144,250.00
	\$3,230,635.00

Total Number of Motor Vehicles Assessed 5,958

Total Number of Dwelling Houses 2,656

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES NORMANDIN,

ROSARIO C. ARPIN,

RAYMOND BENOIT,

Board of Assessors.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1952.

The past year I removed 24 dead trees. Three Maples, two Ashes, thirteen Elms, two Pines, four Oaks, on various streets about town that were endangering the public. Four stumps out of sidewalks and town-owned property.

All Elm wood, and logs lying on the town-owned property I burned to prevent the spread of Dutch Elm Disease, Leaf and Bark Beetle.

Dead limbs on trees on various streets I pruned and removed.

I braced and cabled three trees, repaired four bad cavities, and transplanted five Maple trees.

Pruned braced, cleaned and repaired, cavity Memorial Park Elm.

1952 Appropriation,

Tree Warden Department	\$2,000.00
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Salaries and Wages:

Tree Warden	\$ 321.75
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Labor	1,164.46
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Other Expenses:

Winch Hire	10.00
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Power Saw Hire	112.50
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Truck Hire	238.50
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Tree Paint and Tools	152.72	1,999.93
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Memorial Park — To complete Elm Tree Repair ..	\$ 295.00
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Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER J. MASKA,

Tree Warden.

DUTCH ELM DISEASE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit my report for the Dutch Elm Disease Department for the year ending December 31, 1952.

I sprayed the town-owned Elm trees twice with a Hydraulic Sprayer, using DDT Emulsion. I also had the center of the

town sprayed with a Helicopter, to control Elm Leaf and Bark Beetle with excellent results, to help check Dutch Elm Disease.

I also removed all trees suspected of Dutch Elm Disease immediately.

1952 Dutch Elm Disease Appropriation	\$3,000.00
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Salaries and Wages:

Moth Superintendent	\$	18.00
Labor		13.73

Other Expenses:

Hydraulic Sprayer to Agitate DDT for Helicopter	33.00	
Helicopter Spraying	320.00	
Hydraulic Spraying	2,241.00	
Material (#C996 Niatox D-25)	371.25	
Truck Hire	3.00	\$2,999.98
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Respectfully submitted,
CHESTER J. MASKA,
Moth Superintendent.

GYPSY MOTH DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit my report for the Gypsy Moth Department for the year ending December 31, 1952.

The past year, I sprayed with DDT and Lead as many of our town-owned trees as possible, for Gypsy Moth and Web Worm, because of limited amount of funds.

I find in sprayed areas infestation has been kept down to my satisfaction. Unsprayed areas, infestation is spreading.

Moth Extermination 1952 appropriation	\$400.00
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Salaries and Wages:

Moth Superintendent	\$	113.55
Labor		97.65

Other Expenses:

Hydraulic Sprayer	117.00	
Truck Hire	52.50	
Material	19.30	400.00
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Respectfully submitted,
CHESTER J. MASKA,
Moth Superintendent.

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

In accordance with the law and custom, I submit the following report of the year ending December 31, 1952, giving names of members of the Fire Department, values of properties under my supervision, number of fires we responded to, values of properties where loss occurred, dates and location of fires.

We responded to 12 bell alarms, 4 were false, 415 were still alarms. Total, 427 alarms for the year.

329 hydrants at \$65.00 each per year Total \$21,385.00

The detailed report and budget follows:

Value of buildings	\$880,000.00
Loss on buildings	20,216.97
Insurance on buildings	430,100.00
Insurance paid on buildings	20,186.97
Value of contents	144,000.00
Loss on contents	12,767.02
Insurance on contents	74,900.00
Insurance paid on contents	11,747.02

Inventory of the Fire Department

Two fire stations	\$ 75,000.00
Fire apparatus	30,000.00
Fire Department supplies	10,000.00
Gamewell fire alarm system	25,000.00

Permits

Transporting gasoline	7
High Explosives	30
Range Oil Burners	63
Power Oil Burners	184
Open Air Permits	440
Removal of Gas Tanks	4
Decorations	27
Bottled Gas Permits	28

Inspections

Stores	217
Hotels and Boarding Houses	56
Tenement Houses	1894
Range Oil Burners	63
Power Oil Burners	184
Clubs and Cafes	121
Locked Out	32
Complaints	73

Alarms Responded

- Jan. 27—Still alarm at 11.06 a. m. Store at 322 Main St. Owned by Arnold Goodwin. Caused by flooded power burner. Insured.
- Feb. 18—Still alarm at 10.40 a. m. Parish Rectory at 29 Summer St. Owned by the Polish Parish. Caused by spontaneous combustion. Insured.
- March 12—Still alarm at 11.40 a. m. Tenement at 456 Elm St. Owned by Vincent Fontaroni. Caused by short circuit. Insured.
- March 12—Still alarm at 1.35 a. m. Cafe at 40 East Main St. Owned by Dhose Lazo. Caused by overheated stove pipe. Insured.
- March 18—Box 41 at 1.43 p. m. Garage at Main St. Owned by the Town of Southbridge. Set by children. Insured.
- March 22—Box 45 at 1.03 a. m. Cafe at 23 Olney Ave. Owned by Rosaire Proulx. Cause unknown. Insured.
- April 17—Still alarm at 2.40 p. m. Store at 322 Main St. Owned by Arnold Goodwin. Caused by electric light touching celotex ceiling. Insured.
- April 20—Still alarm at 5.18 p. m. Tenement at 157 Elm St. Owned by Mary Dandridge. Caused by oily rags on porch. Insured.
- April 21—Still alarm at 1.55 p. m. Tenement at Old Sturbridge Rd. Owned by Alfred Beaulieu. Caused by sun rays on glass jar. Insured.
- April 28—Still alarm at 4.25 p. m. Pastry store at 98 Worcester St. Owned by Raymond Craite, Caused by overheated power burner motor. Insured.
- May 4—Still alarm at 8.18 a. m. Tenement at 80 High St. Owned by Charles Bruso, Sr. Caused by overheated chimney. Insured.
- May 9—Still alarm at 7.14 a. m. Tenement at 125 Woodstock Rd. Owned by Joseph Iozzo. Caused by flooded range oil burner. Insured.
- May 10.—Still alarm at 4.30 p. m. Store at 6 Lens St. Owned by Joseph Therrien. Caused by grease near fan. Insured.
- May 15—Still alarm at 7.46 a. m. Store at 94 Cross St. Owned by Aristide Asselin. Caused by spontaneous combustion. Insured.

- June 13—Box 35 at 9.50 a. m. Tenement at 34 Hamilton St. Owned by Benjamin Hamblin. Caused by cigarette. Insured.
- June 17—Box 321 at 7.33 p. m. Foundry at 270 Worcester St. Owned by Ernest Horney. Caused by wood too close to furnace. Insured.
- July 4—Still alarm at 6.07 p. m. Tenement at 43 Franklin Terrace. Owned by John Rischitelli, Caused by fire cracker. Insured.
- Aug. 3—Still alarm at 8.13 p. m. Rooming house at 312 Main St. Owned by Omer Perron. Caused by smoking in bed. Insured.
- Aug. 23—Still alarm at 5.40 a. m. Tenement at 61 Oliver St. Owned by Philibert Quevillion. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.
- Sept. 14—Box 32 at 2.42 p. m. Tenement at 186 Hamilton St. Owned by Tiberi and Spahl. Cause undetermined. Insured.
- Oct. 22—Still alarm at 2.30 p. m. Tenement at 127 Moon St. Owned by William DiGregorio. Caused by sparks from incinerator. Insured.
- Sept. 28—Still alarm at 4.55 p. m. Vacant house at 35 Durfee St. Owned by John Hogan. Cause unknown. Insured.
- Dec. 19—Still alarm at 12.30 p. m. Vacant house at rear of 89 Cross St. Owned by Mrs. Eva Duff. Caused by flooded range burner. Insured.
- Dec. 22—Still alarm at 1.15 p. m. Tenement at 20 Walcott St. Owned by George Fournier. Caused by children playing with matches. Insured.

ROSTER OF THE SOUTHBRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief

Oswald Meunier

Deputy Chief

Daniel Daniels

Permanent Firemen

Capt. Emile Caouette	Biago Puccilli
Lieut. Archie Langevin	Rodolphe Arpin
Ovila Donais	Adrien Pouliot
Harry Gendron	Victor Caouette
Ernest Collette	Edward McNally

Alva Gregoire
Henry Desourdy
Arthur Marand
Edward Boucher

Romeo Mathieu
Napoleon White
Jean St. Amant

Call Men — Hose No. 1

Capt. Hermas Lippe
Lieut. Leopold Langlois
Clarence Blais
Armand Dumas
Thomas Mannis
Gerard Fontaine

Ernest Tremblay
Albert Beaudry
Roland Larochelle
Paul Lucier
Alfred Langevin
Raymond Houle

Call Men — Hose No. 2

Capt. Eugene Blais
Lieut. Napoleon Blais
Armand Durocher
William Berry
Normand Larochelle

Louis Ciprari
Raymond Dartt
Arthur Caplette
Anthony DePietro
Archie Ruzzoli

Call Men — Aerial No. 1

Capt. Eugene Gaumont
Lieut. Alexander Daigle
Aime Ravenelle
Armand Gibeault
Roy Proulx

Archie Matte
George Plouffe
Melvin Williams
Roger Favreau
Ferdinand Szczypien

Superintendent of Fire Alarm

Normand Larochelle

In closing my report for last year, I wish to thank the citizens for their cooperation, and members of the department for their loyalty to their work.

In conclusion the Chief, Oswald Meunier, on behalf of the members of the Fire Department, wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen and the other town officials for their courtesy and consideration of the Department.

OSWALD MEUNIER,
Chief of the Fire Department.

For the Fire Department,
ARCHIE LANGEVIN, Clerk.

FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Forest Fire Department answered 87 alarms for forest fires in 1952.

Forest Fire Warden salary, \$200.00

There were 440 permits for fires in the open.

I wish at this time to thank the people for their good will

and again ask their cooperation with this department to prevent forest fires in this vicinity.

Inventory of the Forest Fire Department

One forest fire pump with 2500 ft. of 1½ in. hose	\$1,500.00
3100 ft. of 1-in. hose	1,610.00
6 1½-inch shut-off nozzles	125.00
6 1-inch shut-off nozzles	120.00
8 Open end nozzles	54.00
1 1-ton Ford truck	1,000.00
1 1-ton Ford truck	150.00
Twenty-two 2½-gallon extinguishers	155.00
Fifteen Indian fire pumps	163.50
4 2½-gallon hand pumps	50.00
6 Ten-quart pails	15.00
Seven brooms	7.00
Two shovels	2.00
12 Reducers	60.00

OSWALD MEUNIER,
Forest Fire Dept. Warden.

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens

Daniel Daniels	Emile Caouette
Albert Servant	Joseph Mandeville
Romeo Lippe	Archie Langevin
Harry Michaels	Rosario Bellerose

AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

In rendering my report for the past year, I wish to state that there was an appropriation of \$1,200.00 made for this Department.

In 1952 the ambulance made 211 out-of-town trips and 302 local trips.

During the past year the ambulance made the following trips:

Out of town trips at no charge:

Veterans' Aid	5
Old Age Assistance	2
Public Welfare	2
Abated	1

Southbridge	302
Worcester	52
Sturbridge	36
Charlton	34

Boston	17
Fiskdale	14
Brimfield	5
Dodge	5
Framingham	5
Brookfield	4
Holland	4
West Dudley	4
Grafton	4
Dudley	4
Tewksbury	2
Fall River	2
West Boylston	2
Holyoke	1
Brookline	1
Millbury	1
Melrose	1
Spencer	1
Somerville	1
Wrentham	1
Putnam	1
Nashua	1
Middleboro	1
Chelsea	1
Manchester	1
Webster	1
Hartford	1
East Woodstock	1
Eastford	1
Wales	1

Total	513
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Inventory of the Ambulance Department

1	Cadillac Ambulance	\$4,000.00
1	Packard Ambulance	4,900.00
2	Spare Tires	35.00
2	Folding Stretchers	60.00
1	Orthopedic Stretcher	60.00
2	First Aid Kit	10.00
2	Flame Proof Blankets	90.00
5	Pillows	12.50
30	Pillow Cases	22.50
30	Sheets	37.50
20	Blankets	100.00
	E. & J. Resuscitator	650.00
	Puritan Oxifier Unit	165.00

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

The Board of Health met on March 8, and organized as follows: Dr. Raymond F. Haling, Chairman; Dr. Robert DeJordy, Clerk, and Mr. Henry Demers, Publicity Chairman.

During the year twelve (12) regular and five (5) special meetings were held.

On June 15, Dr. Robert DeJordy submitted his resignation as a member of the Board of Health to take effect July 1.

The Board of Selectmen appointed Dr. Armand Degrenier as a member of the Board to replace Dr. Robert DeJordy, effective July 15.

On November 20, Mr. Joseph Chagnon submitted to the Board his resignation as plumbing inspector, food inspector and milk inspector as of December 1, 1952. Mr. Chagnon accepted a position with the State of Arizona.

On December 15, the Board appointed Mr. Arthur Ballard as plumbing inspector. Plumbing inspector is a Civil Service position.

During the year, various health meetings were attended by the Nurse, Board Members and the Agent.

A more detailed account of the activities of the Department can be found in the report of the personnel of the Board.

We wish to thank all the citizens who have cooperated and assisted this Department in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND F. HALING, M.D.

ARMAND DEGRENIER, D.M.D.

HENRY DEMERS, P.H.G.

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REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Southbridge Board of Health

Gentlemen:

The result of the annual inspection of pupils in the elementary grades are distributed as follows.

Ste. Jeanne d'Arc School

Physical examination of pupils in the following grades: Eighth, Sixth, Fourth, Second and Pre-Primary. Defects in odd grades, also checked, total examined, 139.

Defects:

Carious Teeth	14	Spine	1
Enlarged tonsils	43	Enlarged Cervical Glands	2
Skin Condition	5	Tonsils Removed	13

Notre Dame School

Physical examination of pupils in the following grades: Eighth, Sixth, Fourth, Second and Pre-Primary. Defects of odd grades, also checked, total examined, 252.

Defects:

Carious Teeth	73	Eye Squint	4
Enlarged Tonsils	65	Nose	7
Skin Condition	11	Posture	1
Spine	1	Heart	4
Enlarged Cervical Glands	4	Chest Deformity	1
Ears	5	Speech Defect	1

St. Mary's School

Physical examination of pupils in the following grades: Eighth, Sixth, Fourth, Second and First, total examined, 130.

Defects:

Carious Teeth	37	Eyes Squint	1
Enlarged Tonsils	33	Tonsils Removed	2
Skin Condition	2		

Respectfully submitted,
RAYMOND HALING, M.D.

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REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH FOOT EXAMINATION

To the Board of Health Physician

Dear Sir:

Herewith I submit my report on the examination of the feet of the Parochial School children. Following the direction of the State Department of Public Health, two changes were inaugurated this year. We examined the children in every other grade starting with the Pre-Primary and we examined privately in a medical room provided. These changes enabled us to conduct a more thorough examination, and to impart to them some measure of knowledge of proper foot care, particularly as concerned their own individual problems.

A total of 647 children were examined and 113 notices sent to parents that their children's feet needed attention. These notices were sent out by the school nurse and in many instances we were able to include recommendations for better posture, hygiene, nail care or footgear. It is our opinion that the parents greatly appreciate this program.

Following is a classification of defects found during the examination:

General Posture	12
Skin Disorders	67
Oritropedic Conditions	99
Nail Disorders	38
Hygiene	17

These defects are further broken down to specific conditions on the examination record cards of each child.

Still to be examined are those children in the First, Third, Fifth and Seventh Grades, who showed defects at the examination last year. It is our intention to check all of these again this year during the spring session.

I wish to acknowledge the cooperation and assistance of the School Nurse and the School authorities, and I also wish to thank the parents for their friendly interest and cooperation in our health program.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. ROBERT DeJORDY .

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REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH NURSE

To the Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

I herewith submit my report as Board of Health Nurse, for the year ending December 31, 1952.

Tuberculosis Clinics

Clinics for chest X-ray and examination have been available to all persons in this area at the Worcester County Tuberculosis Sanatorium, in Boylston, on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 10:30 a. m.

We have had an average of ten patients in the Sanatorium during the year, two died, one was transferred to another sanatorium, and one was discharged. Three new and three old patients were admitted. Seventy-eight persons were X-rayed, twenty-nine as routine, to assist the physicians to confirm their diagnosis, sixteen were ex-sanatorium patients reporting for their regular check-up, and thirty-three were contacts. Seventy-six interviews with ex-sanatorium patients and contacts.

Immunizations Clinics

This year the State Department of Public Health recommended and provided the material for immunization clinics. Heretofore, we conducted clinics for the prevention of diphtheria only, but with the change of program, we were able to

use the double and triple antigen for the prevention of whooping-cough, tetanus, and diphtheria.

Beginning at the third to fourth month an infant may have three doses of triple antigen (at four to six weeks' intervals). The pre-school child through the fifth year, the triple antigen, and the school child the double antigen (tetanus and diphtheria), given at the same interval. Children of school age previously immunized should receive a booster dose every five years.

Three hundred and twenty-one children reported to the clinics, classified as follows: One hundred and twenty-three completed the series of three injections; twenty-two had two injections, nine had one, and one hundred and sixty-seven had a booster shot.

Dental Clinics

Until we have a local organization interested in promoting a dental health program, we will have to carry on as in previous years. One group alone cannot achieve this project—parents, schools, the health department, dentists, and voluntary agencies—must all contribute in providing ways and means.

We encourage children to report to their dentist and obtain a dental certificate which means:

1. The mouth should be as clean as possible with special attention to food and tartar.
2. All cavities should be adequately treated.
3. Special attention should be given to all pits and fissures in deciduous and permanent teeth.
4. All abscessed teeth should be extracted.

During the school year sixty-four clinics were scheduled. Four hundred and thirty-one children from the first four grades were admitted, three hundred and thirty-three had their teeth cleaned, plus five hundred and eighteen fillings.

Pre-School Clinics

As usual the annual registration clinics for pre-school children was scheduled during the month of May, on the following dates: 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th and the 12th, from 1:00 to 5:00 p. m. The procedure in the clinic was changed this year according to the recommendations of the State Supervisory Nurse. The new plan eliminated considerable extra office work, by using permanent records instead of copy-sheets. We also increased the personnel to four typists, four volunteer members of the Visiting Nurse Association, and four nurses. After each child was weighed and measured, his disease and personal history recorded, the parents were instructed to report with the child to their family physician, or to the school physicians, for a physical examination. Three hundred and eighty-six were registered at the clinics, and thirty-four at the Board of Health office during the summer.

Effective September 1, 1952, the State Department of Public Health prescribed—Rules and Regulations, relative to the physical examination of school children.

This new regulation states that every child in school shall be separately and carefully examined by a physician within six months before entrance to school or during the first year after entrance, and at intervals of either three or four years thereafter. A child transferred from another school system shall be examined as an entering child, unless school health records are transferred showing an adequate health appraisal.

In order to comply with the new regulations the school inspector examined five hundred and twenty-one children in the elementary grades of the parochial schools, assisted by the school nurse. This number included Grades Eight, Six, Four, Two and Kindergarten. Children in the odd grades with defects noted on health cards in 1951 were also examined.

Sixteen girls divided into two groups, were accepted for a month's vacation at the Sterling Health Camp. Campers were from seven to thirteen years of age. They enjoyed a balanced program of rest, recreation, health information, crafts, and instruction in sports. The program is designed to aid in the formation of healthy living habits. All Campers gained weight. The project is financed from the sale of Christmas Seals.

The Hyland Nursery and Kindergarten and the Southbridge Nursery Kindergarten schools were inspected in May and November. The total enrollment is sixty-five, forty in the Southbridge Nursery Kindergarten, and twenty-five in the Hyland group. Both schools were found in excellent condition, and complied with all the requirements. The Hyland Nursery and Kindergarten school changed its quarters in the early Spring, moving from 59 Highland Street to Cole Avenue Extension. The new building is constructed of cinder blocks, with a cement floor, with radiant heat, casement windows with screens and good lighting. Special bathroom for children, three junior toilet seats, and a six-foot wash basin with spray at the proper height. Five children may wash at the same time. There are two areas for class work, the main room approximately thirty by sixteen feet, and a smaller room adjoining. When completed they will also have a large play yard with out-door equipment.

Funds donated from the Lion's Club provided a mid-morning milk lunch for sixty-seven children in the parochial schools. Pupils, parents and teachers extend their sincere appreciation.

Changes suggested in isolation and quarantine requirements of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health were adopted under the authority of the General Laws. Fourteen diseases were listed for some change either by adding or substituting a phrase or deleting the original wording entirely. It

is no longer required to placard Scarlet Fever or Diphtheria, nor necessary to exclude children from school who have been exposed to diseases listed in the table of regulations, unless local health regulations require it.

At this time I wish to thank all organizations and individuals who have co-operated and assisted in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE C. HOULE, R.N.,

Board of Health Nurse.

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REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

To the Honorable Board of Health.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Inspector of Plumbing from January 1st to December 1st, 1952.

Plumbing and Appliances installed:

Water Closets	114
Lavatories	111
Bath Tubs	86
Kitchen Sinks	78
Laundry Trays	4
Sink and Tray Combinations	7
Shower Stalls	14
Urinals	7
Waste Food Grinders	4
Clothes Washing Machines	12
Dish Washing Machines	4
Industrial and Laboratory Sinks	6
Water Pumps	3
Tankless Water Heaters	26
Gas, Oil, Electric Water Heaters	28
Hot Water Tanks	16
Slop Sinks	1
Wash Sinks and Wash Fountains	2
No. Cesspools Installed	6
No. Septic Tanks Installed	16
No. Sewer Connections in Old Buildings	4
No. Permits Granted	108
No. Inspections Made	304
No. Water Tests Conducted	39
Unfinished Jobs	49

I also take this occasion to extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all those who collaborated with me during my tenure of office since June, 1938., the members of my Board, my co-workers in the Health Department, especially Miss Marguerite C. Houle, your devoted public health nurse, the personnel of the School Department, and all other town department officials, elected and appointed, and last, but by no means least, the citizens of the Town of Southbridge.

Respectfully submitted,
 JOSEPH A. CHAGNON,
 Inspector of Plumbing.

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REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF MILK AND DAIRY PLANTS

To the Honorable Board of Health.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit a report of my work from January to December 1st, 1952.

We collected samples of milk and cream from 14 vehicle dealers, 92 dairy farmers and 4 local processing plants during this elapsed time, as well as periodical samples from stores, restaurants and lunch counters.

Total Number of Samples Collected	256
Tests for Butter-Fats: No. of Samples	239
Below standards: No. of Samples	2
Tests for Solids: No. of Samples	224
Below Standards: No. of Samples	32
Tests for Acidity: No. of Samples	18
Below Standards: No. of Samples	17
Phosphatase Tests: No. of Samples	142
Negative Tests: No. of Samples	None
Microscopic Bacteria Count: No. of Samples	241
High Counts: No. of Samples	59
Mastitis Tests: (Cultures and Microscopic): No. of Samples	32
Number of cows with disease	5
Milk, Cream and Oleomargarine Licenses Granted	166
Number of Visits to Dairy Farms and Plants	63

Respectfully submitted,
 JOSEPH A. CHAGNON,
 Inspector of Milk.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF EATING AND DRINKING ESTABLISHMENTS

To the Honorable Board of Health.

Gentlemen:

Herewith I submit a report of my activities from January 1st until December 1st, 1952, as follows:

We made 92 equipment inspections in our eating and drinking establishments and performed the required bacteriological tests of utensils to confirm the efficacy of sterilization methods. We also answered a number of queries from transients visiting our town during the year and clarified the various criticisms involved to every one's satisfaction. A number of minor changes in methods and procedures were recommended to the owners and operators and these were carried out in a satisfactory manner.

We made 14 inspections in bakeries with the efficient collaboration of the Division of Foods and Drugs of the State Department of Public Health, and we prevailed upon the owners to correct the few defects existing in their plants.

Finally, for the fourth consecutive year, we conducted a series of 6 lectures and demonstrations on applied bacteriology to the biology class of Mary E. Wells High School, under the auspices of Mr. Desroches and Mr. Duhart, and with the participation of Principal Robertson and Mrs. Beauregard.

These consisted of subject lectures to 3 student groups in their classroom, and 3 demonstrations and interpretations of laboratory procedures and determinations in our laboratory in Town Hall. Student interest was unusually keen and a considerable number of pertinent questions and inquiries were answered to their satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH A. CHAGNON,
Inspector.

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REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health.

Dear Sirs:

I hereby submit my report as Sanitary Inspector for the year December 31, 1952.

I received during the year 37 complaints. All were investigated.

Permits and Licenses Issued

Day School	2
Boarding for the Aged	1
Vapor Bath	1
Convalescent and Nursing Home	1
Slaughter House	2
Funeral Director	6
Ice Cream Mix	1
Anti-Freeze	44
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Total	58

Respectfully submitted,
 ERNEST TETREAULT,
 Sanitary Inspector.

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REPORT OF AGENT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Health.

Dear Sirs:

As Agent of the Board of Health for 1952, I herewith submit the following list of contagious diseases reported to this office:

Chicken Pox	38
Measles	85
Dog Bite	16
Whooping Cough	3
Poliomyelitis	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	6
German Measles	45
Scarlet Fever	5
Mumps	82
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Total	281

Lists of deaths for 1952 for which this office issued permits for burial:

Rheumatic Heart	1
Arterioclerotic	18
Chronic Myocarditis	1
Congestive Heart Failure	4
Coronary Occlusion	6
Coronary Thrombosis	37
Hypertensive Heart Disease	2

Myocardial Infarct	5
Cerebral Vascular Thrombosis	1
Cerebral Embolism	4
Cerebral Hemorrhage	15
Cerebral Thrombosis	2
Respiratory Failure	1
Hypostatic Pneumonia	15
Portal Cirrhosis	1
Encepholitis	1
Convulsion	1
Diabetic Coma	1
Pulmonary Embolism	3
Myocardial Failure	2
Pulmonary Edema	3
Chronic Myocarditis	2
Lobar Pneumonia	1
Bronchial Pneumonia	4
Acute Liver Failure	1
Carcinoma of Ovary	1
Carcinoma of the Intestine	2
Carcinoma of the Breast	1
Carcinoma of the Kidney	1
Carcinoma of the Pancreas	1
Carcinoma of the Liver	1
Carcinoma of the Sigmoid	1
Carcinoma of the Stomach	2
Carcinoma of the Face	1
Cancer of Bladder	1
Cancer of Prostate	1
Cancer of the Esophagus	1
Cancer of Colon	2
Adeno Carcinoma of Face	1
Intestinal Obstruction	1
Fractured Skull	2
Suicide by Hanging	1
Cancer of Rectum	1
Cardio Vascular Renal Disease	1
Fractured Spine	1
Septecinia	2
Uremia	4
Leukemia	1
Prematurity	6
Stillborn	5

Total 174

Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST TETREAULT,
Agent.

REPORT OF SLAUGHTERING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health.

Dear Sirs:

Herein is my report as Slaughtering Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1952. I made 49 trips to Ernest Donais Slaughtering House and five trips to A. Routhier. I inspected and stamped the following:

Hogs, 40; Steers, 3; Cows, 2; Calves, 15; Goats, 4; Sheep, 5, for a total of 69 heads.

Respectfully submitted,

ALCIDE FOURNIER,

Inspector of Slaughtering.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1952.

The wiring permits issued were as follows:

New buildings	70
Additions to already erected buildings	21
New work on old wiring	233
Clothes dryers	9
Oil Burners	158
Ranges	112
Water Heaters	27

Total permits issued	630
Inspections while work is in progress	976
Recommendations to change wiring	32

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE A. BACHAND,

Inspector of Wires.

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

Herewith I submit my report of the police Department for the year ending December 31, 1952.

On behalf of the Police Department, I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for the splendid co-operation received from your Honorable Board, all other Town departments, the members of the Auxiliary Police, whom have donated so generously of their time to the public service of the Town, the parents and members of the School Safety Patrol and the Citizens of our Community in the year 1952.

Persons charged		729
Assault, assault and battery		5
Robbery, assault to and attempt	1 juvenile	3
Breaking, entering and larceny, and intent		
Larceny and attempt	1 female	14
to commit larceny	6 juveniles	8
Larceny of automobile		2
Receiving stolen property		3
Using car without authority		4
Accosting		4
Violation of Town By-Law		2
Delinquency		4
Desertion, AWOL from U. S. Military Armed Forces		8
Disturbance of the Peace		6
Keeping Unlicensed Dog		1
Driving a motor vehicle to endanger life		7
Driving a motor vehicle while intoxicated		25
Drunkenness	7 females 2 juveniles	231
False alarm of fire		5
Lewd cohabitation		1
Violation of motor vehicle laws	10 females	185
Neglect or desertion, non-support of family	1 female	10
Peddling without a license	1 female	4
Violation of traffic rules	5 females	166
Tramps, vagabonds, vagrants	2 females	16
Unnatural act		1
Weapon carrying		1
Violation of court order	1 female	8
Runaway	3 females	4
Disorderly conduct		2
Possession of burglary tools	1 juvenile	2
Carrying dangerous weapons	juvenile	1
Permits issued to carry firearms		141
Permits issued to purchase firearms		24

Motor Vehicle operators licenses suspended	30
Total motorists checked for violations	1104
Dance, entertainment permits issued	191
Permits to work on Lord's Day, Holidays, sound truck	85
Total bicycles registered, plates issued	1272
Bicycles reported stolen	14
Bicycles recovered	14
Radio calls sent out	679
Parking violations	1778
Fines collected for 2nd, 3rd, 4th parking violations	\$205.00
Personal injury accidents reported:	
Pedestrians 18; Bicyclists 1	31
Property damage accidents reported	75
Night lodgings given travelers	69
Stolen property reported	\$1,179.60
Stolen property recovered	\$ 102.10
Doors and windows found open and unlocked	540
Persons reported missing and located	9 females 21
Cars reported stolen and recovered	2
Parking meters in use	301
Parking meters, monies collected	\$20,667.49

Respectfully submitted,
OVIDE A. DESROSIERS,
Chief of Police.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Listed below are the permits issued for the year ending December 31, 1952.

	Estimated Value
55 Single Family Homes	\$532,600.00
6 Two Family Homes	77,000.00
1 Three Family Home	27,000.00
10 One Stall Garages	6,100.00
9 Two Stall Garages	8,800.00
1 Three Stall Garage	1,200.00
20 Alterations	84,375.00
15 Additions	12,300.00
6 Retail Business Buildings	47,500.00
2 Manufacturing Buildings	142,000.00
4 Storage Buildings	38,450.00
1 Barn	20,000.00
1 Community House	4,000.00
1 Hot House	400.00

1	Car Port	450.00
2	Buildings Demolished	
	Additional Residential Rentals on	
	above permits	85
	Additional Garage Rentals on	
	above permits	31

A number of these buildings are still under construction and will not be completed for some time.

A total of 327 calls were made on these projects to date with a number of suggestions being made to improve the building construction in the town.

Respectfully submitted,
A. RAYMOND DARTT,
Inspector.

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

The Board of Road Commissioners wish to submit the following report for the year ended December 31, 1952.

We completed the usual maintenance routine of cleaning and flushing all storm water drains, sweeping streets, oiling streets, cutting brush, patching streets, cleaning slopes and shoulders on various roads. Sanding and plowing streets, also snow removal.

The following Special Projects were completed at the cost listed below:

Cliff Street Bridge	\$ 422.44
Dennison Drive Reconstruction	8,599.52
River Street Drain	1,688.15
Liberty Street Sidewalk	1,396.71
Brook Clearing off Charlton Street	290.12
Lyon and Randolph Streets Drain	4,297.02
Homestead Avenue and Center Street Drain	120.00
Morris Street Curb and Seal Coat	2,449.28
Central Street Drain	621.77
March Avenue Widening and Surfacing	248.06
Poplar Street Drain	1,806.40

We wish to thank all other Town Departments for their co-operation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
ALBERT J. ARSENAULT,
ANTHONY CIESLA,
ARTHUR H. BACHAND,
Board of Road Commissioners.

REPORT OF TOWN ENGINEER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen.

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit the following report of the work accomplished by the Engineering Department for the year of 1952.

New Construction — Planned, Laid Out, Inspection

1. Main St. and Oakes Ave. Reconstruction — Contract, Ciesla Bros., Inc.
2. Lyons and Randolph Sts. Drain — Highway Department.
3. Chapin St. Reconstruction — Contract, Ciesla Bros., Inc.
4. Dennison Drive Reconstruction — Highway Department.
5. Foster St. Reconstruction — Contract, Frank J. Shields, Inc.
6. Central St. Reconstruction — Contract, Frank J. Shields, Inc.
7. Old Sturbridge Road Drain — Contract, Ciesla Bros., Inc.
8. Elm St. Reconstruction — Contract, Duff Bros., Inc.
9. Durfee St. Sewer — Contract, Ciesla Bros., Inc.
10. Pleasant-River St. Drain — Highway Department.
11. Alumni Field Wall — Contract, Trahan Bros.
12. Oak Ridge Cemetery, Road Surfacing — Contract, Frank J. Shields, Inc.
13. Morris St. Curbing and Seal Coat — Highway Department.
14. North St. Resurfacing — Contract, Frank J. Shields, Inc.
15. Poplar St. Drain — Highway Department.
16. Oliver St. Reconstruction — Contract, Ciesla Bros., Inc.
17. Main St. Culvert, Reinforcing — Contract, Gunite Restoration Co., Inc.
18. South St. Reconstruction — Contract, Ciesla Bros., Inc.
19. Charlton St. Brook at McMahon's — Highway Department.
20. Liberty St. Sidewalk — Highway Department.
21. Henry St. Field, Grading — Recreation Committee and Highway Department.
22. Alumni Field, Grading (Sam DiGregorio, to connect to existing line) — Recreation Committee and Highway Department.
23. North Woodstock Road Sewer — Sam DiGregorio, To connect to existing line.
24. Woody Crest Ave. Sewer — Contract, Frank J. Shields, Inc. Paid by Abutters.
25. Roosevelt Drive Sewer — Contract, Ciesla Bros., Inc. Paid by Abutters.
26. Cole Ave. Sewer — Contract, Ciesla Bros., Inc. Paid by Abutters.
27. Goddard Court Sidewalks — Highway Department. One-half paid by Abutters.
28. Marsh Ave., Widening — Highway Department.

29. Central and Worcester St. Drain — Highway Department.
30. East Main St. Shoulders — Highway Department. Manholes by Trahan Bros.

New Construction — Releases and Advisory Supervision

- Cady Brook (Dredging) — Contract, Paid by State with Chapter 91 money.
- Main St., Surfacing — Contract, Paid by State with GAP FUNDS.
- East Main St., Surfacing — Contract, Paid by State GAP FUNDS.

New Streets Laid Out

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| Woody Crest Avenue | Jennison Street |
| Elm Street Relocation | Cleveland Street |
| Hartwell Terrace | Langlois Avenue |

Investigations

1. Locate Sewer Lines

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|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Pleasant Street | High Street |
| Mill Street | Charlton Street |
| River Street | Highland Street Extension |
| Adeline Street | Roosevelt Drive |
| Green Street | |

2. Drainage

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Hamilton Street | Dennison Drive |
| Bellevue Avenue | Rear Larochelle Property on |
| South Street | Charlton Street |
| Marjorie Lane | |

3. Street Bounds Set

- Elm Street (12)

4. Street Lines

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| Cisco Street | Hamilton Street |
| Lovely Street | Charlton Street |
| Jennison Street | Breakneck Road |
| Roosevelt Drive | Cliff Street |
| Elm Street | Worcester Street |
| Kingsley Street | Cole Avenue |
| Hillcrest Avenue | Newman Avenue |
| Lapierre Street | Blackmer Road |
| Marcy Street | |

Other Miscellaneous Investigations

1. Articles for annual Town Meetings
2. Inspect gravel banks (3)
3. Hearing in Boston Chapter 91

4. Hearing in Worcester Chapter 90
5. Eastford Road — Chapter 90 — Land damage
6. Second Reservoir — Lowering of spillway
7. School site plan (Dresser Street)
8. Accidents (3)
9. Litchfield Avenue Drain (Chapter 91)
10. Blackmer Road — Widening for school bus
11. Police Station Driveway (Title)
12. Hook Street Intersection Briggs' land damage against Town
13. Eastford Road — Land damage — Chapter 90, 1951 work
14. House numbers (Various Streets — 82)
15. Electric pole location (Various Streets — 12)
16. Elm Street to Everett Street (Brook)
17. Lebanon Hill (Abandonment of 1825)

Grades

Letcher Street Hartwell Terrace

Plans, Layouts, Estimates

Randall Street Roosevelt Drive Drain

Cole Avenue Reconstruction

The above report is listed in abbreviated form which has been the custom set up by the Board of Selectmen about four years ago. I find it necessary this year to elaborate on the working conditions of this department as I feel that the general public is not aware of the working conditions under which this department has to operate.

By law we are required to submit to the Town Accountant ten (10) days prior to the end of the fiscal year a budget request for the coming year. This department cannot presume to estimate its full required budget because we have no way of estimating the actual amount of work that will be voted at the annual or special Town Meetings. It is also impossible to estimate the number of requests for new streets, sewers, drains, and pole locations. We are also faced with the uncertainty as to the time element, and schedule of operation which will be forced on us by conditions beyond our control. This year we were faced with additional work due to the extension of time granted on contracts, and this department has been forced to work twelve (12) weeks overtime beyond the normal estimate of twenty (20) weeks. The situation does not seem to be understood in that there is no allowance for any flexibility in the budget which would place this department in a position to require a normal week's work from its employees.

We are also faced with the fact that 90% of the requests for articles that go into the warrant are given to the Engineering Department too late to be able to give adequate estimates

and allow proper time for complete study of each and every article, which again brings about a delay of the actual starting of construction time because that which was not possible to do prior to the meeting still has to be done before contracts are let out. Most requests for articles that are to be inserted are received by this department from approximately February 1 to March 1, which gives this department approximately thirty (30) days, and also at the worst part of the year for weather conditions. These thirty days are as a rule cut down to approximately fifteen (15) days of possible working time on the outside. This condition leads to improper estimates and consequently often times results in delay to obtain additional money required.

I have repeatedly requested of all Boards that insert articles in the warrant, to meet, discuss, and decide which projects they intend to do for the coming year and in that way be able to work on projects that have very good possibilities of being passed at the Town Meeting. This would also allow the proper allocation of the money to be spent and would also allow proper over all planning of work required to be done in the Town.

Another problem this Department is faced with is the one of transportation. We are required to provide our own cars for transportation, use them as trucks, carrying all equipment necessary, and the average rate of compensation has been approximately one dollar per day, which is insufficient and a financial burden on the employees. I therefor find it necessary to request your Board that the following conditions be straightened out before or at the annual Town Meeting or by whatever means possible:

1. Setting up of fair working hours for the Department and allowing for overtime when necessary at time and a half for any overtime for all employees;
2. To provide a budget with sufficient flexibility which will allow the hiring of additional help to take care of any additional work;
3. To properly compensate the employees for the use of private vehicles or furnish Town-owned vehicles for that purpose;
4. Contract working time to be set up on the same basis as the work week set up for Department;
5. Provisions made that no article be inserted in warrant at annual or special Town Meeting that does not provide the proper amount of time for complete study, plans and estimates;
6. For the provision of a full-time clerk as the Department requirements are now sufficient to warrant it.

The results obtained by the Town have been and will be only in that proportion wherein the above requirements are met.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of your board and other boards, committees, and departments, for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. RACICOT,

Town Engineer.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Zone Changes

During the year 1952, the Planning Board granted two zone changes, Sam Apostola, Morris Street and Albert Renaud, junction of Cliff Street and Clemence Hill Road. A zone change was asked by George Duquette on Hamilton Street (Phil's Auto Sales) but later withdrawn.

Subdivisions

Subdivisions were granted to A. E. Maynard, Chapin Court, J. J. Hogan (Hogan Realty Co.) on Durfee Street, Gerald Le-moine on Dennison Heights; A. T. Wells, Main Street; Nick Woulas, off Elm Street.

Complaints

Complaints were received from Archie Keyes, Dresser Street; Home Owners on Hartwell Terrace, and Miss Laro-chelle and Mrs. Martel of Pine Street. All complaints were settled to the satisfaction of complainants.

Safety

The Board suggested the widening of Marsh Street entrance near Eastford Road. The Town voted to do so, and the job was done.

The Town maps were improved, all existing water lines and high and low pressure lines are indicated in different colors on map. A rack was purchased and will be mounted on wall to hold four maps. Cases were purchased to hold individual maps for better protection to be set in rack as a permanent fixture.

A good number of people appeared before the Board for information and help in finding out if they were acting within the Planning Board laws, as applies to the Town of Southbridge, all were satisfactorily taken care of.

Respectfully submitted,
RAYMOND YATES,
 Recording Secretary,
 Planning Board.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit to you, the report of the Department of Weights and Measures, for the year 1952.

This has been the biggest year this Department has had since it was established in 1835. A greater number of weighing and measuring devices were sealed.

Total revenue collected was \$465.50.

	Adjusted	Sealed	Not Sealed
Scales			
Over 10,000 lbs.	1	6	
100 to 5,000 lbs.	1	112	
Under 100 lbs.		223	
Weights		376	
Yard measurers		31	
Liquid Measurers			
under 1 gal.		53	
Gas Meters	3	85	1
Tank Truck Meters	4	26	

Trial Weighings

	No.	Correct	Under	Over
Bread	288	258	3	27
Butter	210	210		
Confectionery	175	160		15
Dry Commodities	45	45		
Flour	75	67	7	
Fruits and Vegetables	115	115		
Lard	75	75		
Meats and Provisions	125	112	4	9
Potatoes	215	160	22	33

Package Markings and Miscellaneous

Peddlers' Licenses	25
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Milk Jars	60
Paper Containers	1047
Retest of Meters	5
Oil Jars	90
Milk Jars	32

Tests Made

Milk Jars	32
Gas Pumps	5
Oil Jars	8

Respectfully submitted,
G. R. LARIVIERE,
Sealer.

DEPARTMENT OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During the past year several surveys have been made to determine what facilities are available for immediate use in case of any emergency and comprise Housing, Hospitals, Trucks and Trailers for transportation and Emergency Group Feeding, as well as Clinics for mass "Sick Call."

Many buildings have definitely been designated for specific uses, transportation has been accounted for, auxiliary communications planned and tests made of mobile radio by the Amateur Radio League members. The Boy Scouts have distributed literature, and the Southbridge Woman's Club Committee supervised and assisted in a Blood Typing Program. The Auxiliary Police have held classes of instruction and been on duty on several occasions and are well organized to handle traffic. The radio receiver in the Police Headquarters has functioned perfectly to receive the "Air Defense Warnings" and reports of these tests are made weekly to the Department of Public Safety in Boston.

First Aid Classes and Home Nursing Classes have been held by the Red Cross and it is desired that more people will take advantage of this opportunity.

To all the volunteers, many thanks for their help.

EDWARD L. CHAPIN,
Director.

VETERAN'S SERVICE CENTER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen.

Gentlemen:

This department is pleased to submit for your consideration its seventh report concerning its activities. During the course of the year, we have had veterans of the Town of Southbridge and their dependents avail themselves of the following services:

Allotment or Allowance	24
Burial	8
Civil Service	10
Compensation	25
Discharge Copy Recorded	65
Education, Training, Rehabilitation	50
Flags	7
Hospitalization	75
Income Questionnaire	22
Insurance	55
Korean Vet's Registered	94
Medical - Dental	156
Miscellaneous	96
Mustering-out-pay	75
Notarization	399
Pay, Combat	15
Pensions	35
Photostat	290
Selective Service	20
Social Security	31
Tax Abatement	91
Veterans' Administration	1400

Veterans' Benefits:

Permanent Cases	36
Temporary Cases	54

In addition to the above, many cases are pending settlement and a result, constant follow-up service is maintained and reviews and appeals are requested where awards are considered unfair or insufficient.

During the past year, our work for local veterans and their families has been instrumental in getting financial assistance from the State and Federal government to a great amount.

We wish to express our very sincere thanks to all Town Departments, Worcester Office of the Veterans' Administration, Webster Office of the Division of Employment Security, Officials at Holyoke Soldier's Home, Cushing V. A. Hospital,

and Boston V. A. Hospital, local industries and all others with whose co-operation the services of this department were carried out.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL H. BENOIT,

Director.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

At this time, I would like to make a yearly report of my activities for 1953. I quarantined 34 dogs. I took care of all permits to transport cattle from out of state. I inspected all barns in Southbridge. I took the census of all animals and turned over these census figures to the state.

Respectfully submitted,

ALCIDE FOURNIER,

Inspector of Animals.

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

Following is our annual report to you on recreation in the Town of Southbridge. It is divided into four separate reports submitted by the Chairmen of each recreational area for clarity.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK P. SKINYON, Chairman.

JOSEPH DUFFY, Co-Chairman.

LORENZO D. BEAUPRE, Councillor.

Southbridge Recreation Committee.

REPORT OF DRESSER ST. FIELD SUB COMMITTEE

To the Chairman of the Recreation Committee:

Dresser Street Field opened about the middle of April this year, this allowed ample time to get the field into condition for the beginning of the Summer program of recreation. Mary E. Wells High and Cole Trade High Schools used the baseball diamond for their scheduled games and much of their practice. The diamond was used every school day by these teams on an

alternating schedule from about the middle of May until the last of June. Notre Dame Alumni used the diamond on a few occasions this year for games or practice as they have a newly organized baseball team and schedule.

The diamond will be needed by the three teams in the future; this creates a problem, as all of the school teams will need it at the same time of day.

The "Hoboes"

A new baseball team was formed this year called "The Hoboes" under the leadership of Joe Capillo, the Southbridge News Sports Editor. The team played three games of a regular schedule and a night game against the Southbridge Old Timers for the benefit of the Jimmy Fund. The added big baseball program during the Summer gave many hours of recreation and pleasure to many of the townspeople. It was a pleasure.

The track was used for Mary E. Wells track events as were the broad jump pit, the shot put court and the high jump area in the Spring. In the Fall the track was used by both Wells High and Trade High for practice and for conducting their cross-country events. There were three track meets held on the field, and about four or five cross-country events.

We have received complaints about the condition of the track as rain keeps washing up large cinders. It will be necessary very soon to do a major job of reconditioning the entire track.

Little League Baseball

Little League Baseball was in its second year of operation this year with Mr. Jacob Edwards as its president. The Little League diamond which was constructed at the field last year was used to play off a 36-game schedule between 4 teams starting about June 3 and finishing about August 5th.

The final game of the Fourth Little League District was played at Dresser Street Field between Tri-Community (comprising Sturbridge, Charlton, Woodstock and Brimfield) and Southbridge. Southbridge was eliminated in this game.

The final Sectional game was held here between Worcester and Tri-Community, Worcester winning.

The All-State (west of Boston) finals were played at Dresser Street, Pittsfield winning against Shrewsbury; Worcester beating Asebet Valley, and Pittsfield eliminating Worcester in the final game.

All Little League diamonds in this area were inspected before a site for the final play offs was selected and Dresser Street Committee is proud to report that our diamond was selected. This is a credit to our caretakers and maintenance men.

All Little League games started at 6:30 p. m. in the regular schedule and all games were described play by play over the loud speaker system.

The Little League program is a credit to the men who organized it, the announcers, umpires, coaches, managers and all who helped to create and continue this enjoyable sport and recreational spectacle for our town.

Minor League Baseball

A minor league baseball schedule was conducted at Dresser Street Field during the Summer under the supervision of Lewis A. Kyrios, Director of Summer School Playgrounds Program. This schedule consisted of 48 games starting at 9:00 A. M. and running from June 9, to August 16, and consisted of 60 boys.

The purpose of Minor League was to provide an opportunity for boys below the age of 11 years to play in an organized league. The league provides such boys an opportunity to improve their skill and ability so that they may be able to play in the regular Little League in the future. Little League ages are from 8 to 12 years.

This program was a great success from the viewpoint of participation, enthusiasm, play and safety. To appreciate this program one would have to see it in action, talk to the mothers and fathers who attend these games and observe these young Americans at play.

Tennis

The Tennis Courts were made available during the first of June and there was a tremendous increase in the use of the courts even over last year. People using the courts during the day are mostly young boys and girls but in the evening they are mostly used by adults who work all day.

The third annual singles tournament was held late in the Summer using both courts for their competition. A doubles tournament was held for the first time during last summer.

Both courts were in use about 80% of the time.

Play Day

Toward the last of the Summer, Lewis Kyrios held an inter-playground track and field event for a morning on the field in which about 160 boys and girls competed.

Softball

The Recreation Committee does not allow softball to be played on baseball areas. Softball was played at Dresser Street Field this year on a temporary diamond in the area which may be called right field. Wells High girls and independent teams used the area.

Basketball

For the first year two-light basketball was conducted at Dresser Street Field. This program was under the supervision of Paul Duhart, and consisted of a schedule of about 40 games in the evening and about 30 games in the morning.

The morning games were for boys about 16 years at age and started about 10:00 o'clock. The evening games were played about 7:00 p. m. and many stars of this area made up the teams.

Basketball — Girls

A Girls Basketball tournament was held this Summer on Thursday evenings. Six teams competed and the schedule was played through twice. This could be developed into the beginning of a program of recreation which would give some consideration to girls. Most of our recreation program is for boys and men.

Football

Mary E. Wells High School football team used Dresser Street Field for all their practice and home games. Hot water was available at all times and visiting teams dressed and showered in clean, orderly field houses. The Wells High cheering squad used the field for cheering and maneuvering practice throughout the football season. The splendid Wells Band practiced marching maneuvers two nights a week from about 6:30 to 9:00 P. M. from the start of the football schedule until the climax of the season.

Volleyball, ping pong, horse shoes, checkers and daily use of the basketball court was available throughout the entire Summer and showers with hot water.

The field was opened at 7:00 A. M. and closed after darkness every night. Dresser Field has been for many boys and girls a pleasant rendezvous all Summer long.

Maintenance and Improvement

A program of maintenance and improvement was carried out during the Summer and Fall. New cement seats and tables were built and installed on the field. A new gas heater was installed in one fieldhouse this year, ultimately we will heat water and the buildings entirely by gas in order to reduce operating costs.

All areas of play were maintained at top condition, equipment, tools and operational apparatus was constructed and maintained in order so that the extensive program could be carried out.

Presentation of Flags

During the Summer Mrs. Rose Shepard, Patriotic Instructor for the Daughters of Union Veterans, presented two beautiful American flags to Dresser St. Field; one in honor of Mrs. Matilda Staves, a deceased member of Union Daughters, and one to another deceased member, Mrs. William Berry. May these flags be a source of strength and inspiration as they snap in the breeze and may they fly over Dresser Field forever.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH DUFFY, Chairman,
LEWIS KYRIOS,
FREDERICK FERRON.

Band Concerts, Movies and Dancing

There were three band concerts held at Dresser Field and each of these was followed by a program of movies. Three or four dances were held on the Basketball Court on Thursday nights.

The band concerts were conducted by Anthony Orsini and played by the Southbridge Musicians' Union of which Adelard Desrosiers is Secretary.

The moving pictures were projected by Earl Davis and the music for dancing was supplied from records through a new magnificent amplifying system donated partly to the field by Louis Stevens. These 3 activities have proven quite popular with the young and old and in between alike.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN E. MERRILL, Chairman
FRANK P. SKINYON.

REPORT OF ALUMNI FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE

To the Chairman of Recreation Committee

Dear Sir:

Alumni Field was put into shape for baseball early in the season and throughout the Spring, Summer and Fall the field was used by various groups.

The field was used for the school program of physical education under supervision of Lewis Kyrios every day school was in session from early Spring until the schools closed for the Summer.

The Parochial Schools held their practice sessions and regular games here throughout the Summer.

During the playground season children attending the playground program played many of their games on the field.

The Delle Gracia Society used it for their annual field day and the annual Lions Club Horse Show for the benefit of the school milk fund was held here. For affairs such as the last two, the baseball diamond was always roped off for the protection of the playing area.

The field was used by Mr. Kyrios for football practice and games during a grade school football tournament that lasted until about Nov. 16th.

Softball was played at Alumni Field this year by many community "pick-up" teams. While this program was being carried on there was a program of maintenance and improvement going on also.

The baseball diamond was maintained.

Throughout the Summer the grass was cut, the base paths trimmed and foul lines and gridiron lines were limed whenever necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

EARL WONDERLIE, Chairman,

A. RAYMOND DARTT,

NORMAN STAVES,

Alumni Field Committee.

REPORT OF HENRY STREET SUB-COMMITTEE

Considerable improvement in construction of Henry Street Athletic Field in 1952, according to Louis E. Brunell in his report as Sub-Chairman.

The hill on the southerly side was cleared of trees, boulders and brush, also brush was cleared in extended area of the swamp. This hill or bank also supplied fill material for extended areas. This construction was done by power shovel and bulldozer at a cost of \$2,970.00. Truck hire for this job and for hauling gravel from Alumni Field on West Street for leveling surface of field was done at a cost of \$354.00.

Additional trucking was supplied by the Highway Department at labor cost. Rolling and grading of this surface gravel was done by the Highway Department also. Note: Alumni Field is town property and no charge was made for this gravel.

A sizeable playing area was made available for the Community Softball League and other Independent teams nightly throughout the Summer.

The Public Grammar School Softball play-offs were held on this field, as were practice sessions of a Parochial baseball team, three afternoons a week.

A quoit court was provided and so were horseshoes played by young and old

A fence at the end of Henry Street was built to protect the ball diamond and the graded area from cars and trucks.

A temporary foot bridge was built across the brook to enable parking facilities a short distance from the field.

The graded and sloped hill on the southerly side provided sliding and skiing away from the danger of motor vehicles.

Respectfully submitted,
LOUIS BRUNNELL, Chairman,
ERNEST McCANN,
FRANCIS ASHE.

REPORT OF SWIMMING POOL DIRECTOR

To the Chairman of the Recreation Committee

Dear Sir:

At your request, I am submitting my fifth annual report on the activities of the swimming pool for 1952.

Attendance

From June 23 to August 30, a total of 25,000 persons used the pool's facilities; 3,000, June; 15,000, July; 7,000, August. Average daily attendance—362. This figure is the largest ever recorded since the pool's opening to the public.

Rescues

Too much emphasis cannot be placed on the absolute necessity for appointing competent, efficient, and responsible lifeguards to supervise water activities. Nine children suffering in varying degrees from cramps, exhaustion, and panic were helped to shore by the lifeguards. Many of these cases could have become fatal had it not been for the efficient supervision of the lifeguard staff.

Instruction

The Red Cross Swimming Program, under the direction of Miss Helen Boucher, offered over 200 children the opportunity for instruction in swimming and life-saving during regular morning classes at the pool. Such formal programs, together with the daily informal instruction given by members of the staff, will do much to develop stronger and more skillful swimmers in Southbridge.

Playground "Water Day"

In July, Southbridge playgrounds, under the direction of Lewis Kyrios, held their annual "Water Day." This event was held in the morning in order to permit other bathers to use the pool during regular hours. The enthusiasm with which children and parents responded to this event definitely emphasizes the role of the swimming pool in fulfilling a very important recreational need.

Health and Safety

In order to provide safe water for bathers, two methods of control over bacterial growth were used: Continuous flow of town water and chlorination. When these two methods are scientifically manipulated, any existing fear of pollution may be dispelled.

Since the fireplaces, provided for the convenience of picnickers, are in almost constant use, a ten pound CO2 fire extinguisher was purchased to insure against any emergency which might develop.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you and your committee for the fine cooperation we received from you during the swimming season. It is always a pleasure to work with men who are so deeply interested in promoting better recreational facilities for our town.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD DESROCHES,
Swimming Pool Supervisor.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

I wish to submit the following report as Collector of Taxes for Southbridge from January 1, to May 26, 1952.

Ambulance Department

Commitments per warrants		\$ 1,479.00
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 796.50	
Abated	19.00	
Outstanding May 26, 1952	329.99	\$ 1,695.53
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Health Department

Outstanding January 1, 1952		\$ 1,266.90
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 76.20	
Outstanding May 26, 1952	1,190.70	\$ 1,266.90
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Board of Public Welfare

Outstanding January 1, 1952		\$ 1,695.53
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 1,365.54	
Outstanding May 26, 1952	329.99	\$ 1,695.53
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Taxes: Levy of 1950

Outstanding January 1, 1952		\$ 1,289.93
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 1,289.67	
Tax Title26	\$ 1,289.93
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Taxes: Levy of 1951

Outstanding January 1, 1952		\$ 33,999.93
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 13,981.93	
Abated	262.00	
Outstanding May 26, 1952	19,756.00	\$ 33,999.93
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Taxes: Levy of 1952

Commitments from Assessors		\$171,413.95
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 11,393.51	
Abated	1,650.00	
Outstanding May 26, 1952	158,390.44	
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		\$171,433.95

Refunds paid	20.00	\$171,413.95
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Excise Taxes: Levy of 1950		
Outstanding January 1, 1952		\$ 19.66
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 19.14	
Adjustment of Excise52	\$ 19.66
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Excise Taxes: Levy of 1951		
Outstanding January 1, 1952		\$ 3,451.42
Warrants from Assessors—Jan. 18 ..		4,016.66
Warrants from Assessors—Feb. 7 ...		48.07
Overpayment		9.37
Payment after abatement		6.69
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		\$ 7,532.21
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 6,456.38	
Abated	781.47	
Outstanding May 26, 1952	551.32	
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		\$ 7,789.17
Refunds paid	256.96	\$ 7,532.21
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Excise Taxes: Levy of 1952		\$ 13,757.41
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 13,232.86	
Abated	334.25	
Outstanding May 26, 1952	239.02	
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		\$ 13,806.13
Refunds paid	48.72	\$ 13,757.41
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Sewer Assessments: Levy of 1950		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1952		\$ 200.10
Abatement		\$ 200.10
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Sewer Assessments Int.: Levy of 1950		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1952		\$ 12.50
Abatement		\$ 12.50
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Sewer Assessments: Levy of 1951		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1952		\$ 1,191.64

Payments to Treasurer	\$	991.64	
Outstanding May 26, 1952		200.00	\$ 1,191.64
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Sewer Assessments Int.: Levy of 1951			
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1952			\$ 51.73
Payments to Treasurer	\$	43.40	
Outstanding May 26, 1952		8.33	\$ 51.73

Interest and Costs on Taxes and Assessments:			
Taxes of 1949			\$ 2.95
Taxes of 1950			96.85
Costs of Sale			6.45
Taxes of 1951			
Real Estate Interest			202.23
Personal Tax Interest			15.33
Excise Tax Interest			24.18
Added Sewer Interest			11.10
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			\$ 359.09
Grand Total Collected to May 26, 1952			\$ 40,959.86

I wish to thank the townspeople and various town officials for their co-operation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
MEDERIC DUHAMEL,
Tax Collector.

ELIZABETH M. DUHAMEL,
Deputy Collector.

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To the Citizens of Southbridge:

I wish to submit the following report as Collector of Taxes for Southbridge from May 26, to December 31, 1952.

Ambulance Department

Commitments per warrants			\$ 1,974.50
Payments to Treasurer	\$	1,376.00	
Abated		60.00	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1952		643.50	
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	\$	2,014.50	
Refunds paid		40.00	\$ 1,974.50
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Board of Public Welfare

Outstanding May 26, 1952		\$ 10,495.16
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 8,648.67	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1952	1,846.49	\$ 10,495.16

Health Department

Outstanding May 26, 1952		\$ 1,309.20
Payments to Treasurer		\$ 1,309.20

Highways

Outstanding May 26, 1952		\$ 2,372.66
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 90.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	2,282.66	\$ 2,372.66

Taxes: Levy of 1951

Outstanding May 26, 1952		\$ 19,756.00
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 15,942.52	
Tax Title	471.80	
Abatements	10.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	3,331.68	\$ 19,756.00

Taxes: Levy of 1952

Commitments per warrants		\$946,045.84
Payments to Treasurer	\$898,405.86	
Abated	9,978.13	
Tax Title	249.81	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	38,533.18	

	\$947,166.98	
Refunds paid	1,121.14	\$946,045.84

Excise Taxes: Levy of 1951

Outstanding May 26, 1952		\$ 551.32
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 161.10	
Abated	390.22	\$ 551.32

Excise Taxes: Levy of 1952

Outstanding May 26, 1952		\$ 239.02
Commitments from Assessors		100,460.84
		\$100,699.86

Payments to Treasurer	\$ 84,143.81	
Abated	14,046.81	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	4,115.26	
	<u>\$102,305.88</u>	
Refunds paid	1,606.02	\$100,699.86
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Sewer Assessments: Levy of 1951		
Outstanding May 26, 1952	\$	200.00
Payments to Treasurer	\$	200.00
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Sewer Assessments Int.: Levy of 1951		
Outstanding May 26, 1952	\$	8.33
Payments to Treasurer	\$	8.33
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Sewer Assessments: Levy of 1952	\$	337.46
Payments to Treasurer	\$	337.46
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Sewer Assessments Int.: Levy of 1952		
Payments to Treasurer	\$	43.20
	\$	43.20
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Special Sidewalk: Levy of 1952		
Warrant of December 10, 1952	\$	456.94
Payments to Treasurer	\$	456.94
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Special Sewers: Levy of 1952		\$ 6,234.08
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 1,552.44	
Abated	296.47	
To be added to taxes of 1953	4,385.17	\$ 6,234.08
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Interest and Costs on Taxes and Assessments:		
Taxes of 1951		
Personal	\$	87.96
Real Estate		475.28
Excise Tax		2.79
Taxes of 1952		
Poll		1.60
Personal		9.40

Real Estate	106.89
Excise	18.50
Added Sewer Interest15
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	\$ 702.57
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Grand Total Collected in 1952	\$1,769,378.10
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I wish to thank the townspeople and various town officials for their co-operation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
ELIZABETH M. DUHAMEL,
Tax Collector.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The Board of Public Welfare met weekly on Monday evenings at 7:30 p. m. throughout the year.

The relief programs under the direction of the Board of Public Welfare are: General Relief, Aid to Dependent Children, Old Age Assistance, and Disability Assistance.

GENERAL RELIEF

Assistance given to needy persons by local Boards of Public Welfare, under Chapter 117 of the General Laws. Aid may be in cash or by actual provision of the item or service.

Caseload		
	Cases	Persons
January	50	149
February	45	127
March	51	139
April	42	124
May	48	129
June	42	95
July	40	106
August	40	96
September	40	93
October	42	112
November	40	89
December	50	125

Expenses and Reimbursements

1952

Total Cost	\$31,141.93
State Reimbursement	5,605.23
Cities and Towns Reimbursement	2,208.54
U. S. Treasury Reimbursement	24.00
Refunds	89.00
Total Reimbursements	7,926.77
Net cost to Town	23,215.16
Average net cost to Town monthly	1,934.60
Average net cost to Town monthly per person	16.82
Average number of persons aided monthly	115

We wish to express our sincerest thanks to the Mother's Club, the Southbridge Women's Democratic Club, and the various persons who wish to remain anonymous, for their generous donations at Christmas time. These donations brought happiness to 118 needy children. We also wish to express our

thanks to the various organizations who helped throughout the year to provide extras to the needy children of the Community.

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

A public assistance program established under Chapter 118 of the General Laws, under which cash allowances are provided for children who are living in a home maintained by their father, mother or other relative when death, long term illness or some other factor has deprived the child of the normal support or care of either his father or mother. Cash allowances are based upon a mandatory State Standard Budget. Under this program, cities and towns receive State and Federal Reimbursements. Since October 1, 1952 Federal Reimbursement has been increased to \$30.00 for the eligible parent; \$30.00 for the first dependent child in the family; and, \$21.00 for each additional dependent child, plus \$4.50 per eligible person in family.

Caseload

	No. of Cases	New	Closed	No. of Chil- dren	No. of grantee relative
January	25	0	0	56	19
February	24	1	1	53	20
March	24	0	0	53	20
April	28	4	0	67	24
May	28	0	0	67	24
June	28	1	1	67	24
July	30	3	1	73	26
August	30	1	1	67	27
September	27	3	6	67	24
October	25	0	2	63	23
November	23	1	3	55	23
December	25	2	0	58	23

Expenses and Reimbursements — 1952

Total Cost	\$37,348.83
Federal Reimbursement	15,192.51
State Reimbursement	11,467.09
Refunds	247.95
Total Reimbursements	26,907.55
Net cost to Town	10,441.28
Average net cost to Town monthly	870.20
Average net cost to Town monthly per case	33.46
Average number of cases monthly	26
Average number of eligible parents	23
Average number of eligible children monthly	62

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

A program of Public Assistance, established by Chapter 118A of the General Laws, under which cash allowances are provided for elderly persons (65 years of age or over and a citizen of the United States) who are in need. Cash allowances are based upon a mandatory State Standard Budget. Under this program, cities and towns receive State and Federal Reimbursements. Since October 1, 1952, the Federal Reimbursement has been increased to 50% of the money expended on a case in a given month which is not in excess of \$55.00, plus \$7.50 per month per case.

Caseload

	No. of Cases	New	Closed
January	313	4	4
February	314	6	5
March	313	2	4
April	320	8	1
May	322	6	4
June	325	5	2
July	327	4	2
August	328	4	3
September	329	3	3
October	331	7	4
November	331	4	4
December	327	0	4

Expenses and Reimbursements

Total Cost	\$236,239.89
Federal Reimbursement	107,527.98
State Reimbursement	88,206.99
Cities and Towns Reimbursement	2,090.40
Meal Tax	6,758.07
Refunds	1,126.85
Total Reimbursements	205,710.29
Net cost to Town	30,529.60
Average net cost to Town monthly	2,544.13
Average net cost to Town monthly per case	7.88
Average number of cases per month	323

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

A program of public assistance established by Chapter 118D of the General Laws, under which cash allowances are provided for needy persons found to be permanently disabled and medically unemployable. In order to be eligible for as-

sistance under this program, a person must be 18 years of age or over. Cash allowances are based upon a mandatory State Standard Budget. Under this program, cities and towns receive State and Federal reimbursements. Since October 1, 1952, the Federal Reimbursement is based on the following formula: 50% of the money expended on a case in a given month which is not in excess of \$55.00, plus \$7.50 per month per case.

Caseload

	No. of Cases	New	Closed
January	13	0	0
February	15	2	0
March	15	0	0
April	15	0	0
May	14	0	1
June	13	0	1
July	13	2	2
August	13	1	1
September	13	0	0
October	14	1	0
November	16	2	0
December	17	1	0

Expenses and Reimbursements

Total Cost	\$11,510.60
State Reimbursement	3,102.58
Federal Reimbursement	3,943.22
Refunds	54.00
Total Reimbursements	7,099.80
Net Cost to Town	4,410.80
Average net cost to Town monthly	367.57
Average net cost to Town monthly per case	26.26
Average number of cases per month	14

INFIRMARY

The Infirmary is under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dowling.

We have averaged 13 inmates a month through the year at a cost of \$13.25 a week per inmate.

This year the house and barn were given a coat of paint, broken windows replaced, and repairs were made on boiler.

We wish to express our thanks to the Women's Club for providing the men's smoking room with an exhaust fan and for the many other articles donated throughout the year; the

West Street School, Girl Scouts, and the various organizations who donated gifts to the inmates, and also to the United Youth Fellowship who painted the men's smoking-room last spring.

Respectfully submitted,
OVIDE DESROSIERS, Chairman,
HERMAS LIPPE, Clerk,
MARIE E. LARIVIERE, Third Mem.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF JACOB EDWARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

TRUSTEES

For the Edwards Bequest

W. Wesley Crawford
Ellsworth D. Mitchell

Jacob K. Edwards
John O. Martin

For the Town

Oswald J. Laliberte

Edward P. Sheehan

Dr. Nerio W. Pioppi, Chairman

LIBRARY HOURS

Open 1953:

Monday to Friday — 10:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m.
Saturday — 10:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m.

Closed 1953:

January 1	New Year's Day
February 23	Washington's Birthday
May 30	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 7	Labor Day
October 12	Columbus Day
November 11	Armistice Day
November 26	Thanksgiving Day
December 25	Christmas Day

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of the Jacob Edwards Memorial Library:

The public library is the place in each community where all citizens, regardless of class or creed or economic status, have equal opportunity and equal treatment. During 1952 the people of Southbridge (and our neighbors holding non-resident cards) could make their book selection from 36,500 volumes, an increase of 1,635 books over last year's collection. From this extensive book stock each reader is free to find that book which his intellectual attainments enable him to enjoy.

Considering the competition of television, campaign oratory, and preoccupation with war news, the library's circulation of books held up remarkably, totalling 82,221 volumes. For 1952 the library records a decrease in the number of adult fiction books read, and a decided increase in the number of adult

non-fiction books read, with Science, Religion, and the Arts showing the strongest increase.

The soaring cost of books and other library materials is a grave problem. In 1940 the average cost of books purchased for the library was \$1.51 per volume; in 1946 the average cost was \$1.74; and by 1951 it had risen to \$2.21. The increased cost of books is paralleled in magazines, newspapers, pamphlets, and document costs. Inflated prices are also reflected in the cost of library supplies and materials, and the increased bindery costs.

Modern educational methods stress the use of the library's reference facilities. The Reference Room is far too small both for space for patrons and shelves for reference books. Many older editions of books and valuable historical and genealogical files must be kept in lower stacks inconvenient for ready use. The growing collection of reference books and the increased demand for reference services has taxed our reference department to the utmost.

Few people realize the extent of the library's list of magazines. There are eighty-four magazines on the 1951 subscription list in addition to the seven gift titles. Adult periodicals have a brisk circulation while the children's magazines are "read to pieces."

The library also subscribes to the **Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature**, an index to most of these magazines and an invaluable reference tool. Back files of magazines so indexed are kept for five years. The storage problem and the expense of binding make it impossible to keep magazines indefinitely.

The Division of Library Extension of the Massachusetts Department of Education was compelled by lack of funds to discontinue its services to libraries for several months during the past year. This resulted in a slow-down of our interlibrary loan service, since this Boston agency is the chief clearing-house in book-borrowing for this state. It meant, too, difficulty for the library in securing fresh collections of foreign language books.

Again we thank our friends who have generously donated books. We wish to mention in particular the check from the Pilsudski Polish-American Club of Southbridge for the purchase of books of special interest to the people of Polish nationality or descent. The library now has for the first time a small permanent collection of Polish language books for its readers.

The Memorial Book Plan by which friends place appropriate books in the library in memory of departed persons was increasingly used. A memorial bookplate is placed in these books as a dedication.

The following charts show comparative circulation figures for 1951 and 1952:

	1951	1952
General Works	205	156
Philosophy	496	570
Religion	425	566
Sociology	1,010	1,325
Language	184	168
Science	590	644
Useful Arts	2,068	2,244
Fine Arts	2,013	2,092
Literature	1,716	1,912
History	1,107	1,397
Travel	1,480	1,543
Biography	2,339	2,275
Total Adult Non-Fiction	17,057	18,403
Total Adult Fiction	34,725	31,941
Current Periodicals	3,225	3,202
Pamphlets	136	279
Foreign Books	393	367
Total Adult Circulation	52,175	50,711
Children's Books & Magazines ..	29,396	31,298
Pictures	101	198
Grand Total	81,672	82,221

The important part which the public library is playing in the life and activities of our school children is shown in the recorded circulation of 31,298 juvenile books in 1952, an average of about nine books each to the 3,143 children in school in Southbridge. Every effort is made to cooperate with the schools so that children may early acquire an ease in using books and the reading habit that will continue after school years. During the school year 1951-52 the library issued 463 State Reading Certificates through the schools.

Classes from public and parochial grade schools were invited to "visit" the library with their teachers. Nearly every school responded, and those taking advantage of the invitation were most appreciative of the book talks and library lessons given by the librarian. Teachers were reminded of their special privileges of taking books for an extended period for classroom collections.

The summer vacation reading program for all Southbridge youngsters of elementary school age has become a major activity of the library. Last year more than one hundred children were enrolled in the program. The library was very fortunate in having a volunteer worker, Mrs. Flora Jackson, to assist with

the summer reading program. A "Travel Club" with "passports" for a book tour was organized for the children, and every Wednesday morning a program of book talks and storytelling was given in the clubroom of the library. Parents and teachers were occasional guests, and the popularity of the club continued unabated throughout the summer despite the heat.

During the third week of November our Library joined in the national observance of Book Week. The Children's Department featured attractive displays of new books from November 17th through Saturday, November 22nd. Classes were scheduled for regular visits to the library, and Miss Caroline Emerson, author of many popular juvenile books, was a guest speaker.

In conjunction with Book Week, the library celebrated the Louis Braille Centenary with a collection of books for the blind on display in the adult section. There was much interest in Mrs. Elsie Caves' demonstration of the Braille method of transcribing books for the blind.

A complete modernization of the lighting system is planned for the coming year. It is a primary need of the library in order that books can be read at the tables, titles properly shelved, and all the library's services carried on with a maximum of eye comfort. The revolving door must be removed in compliance with the state law, and an adequate circulation desk is badly needed to replace the present one in use since 1914. When an attractive color scheme is worked out, a long overdue paint job will transform the interior of the library into bright and cheerful rooms.

The space problem in the children's section grows ever more acute. Nearly 7,000 volumes of children's books and the shelves already overcrowded and above maximum height for childish reach — a situation that, in itself, creates confusion, inconvenience, and inevitable disorder. No separate alcove is available for the Teen Age Collection, which must take up a section of the adult reading room.

It is good to report that the most popular books of the year were those of genuine literary merit. The heaviest demand was for such books as Thomas Costain's *THE SILVER CHALICE*, Herman Wouk's *THE CAINE MUTINY*, Hemingway's *THE OLD MAN AND THE SEA*, and Rachel Carson's *THE SEA AROUND US*. In the first eleven months of 1952, American publishers issued must select suitable books for its clientele. Many of the most widely publicized books were books of little literary taste and distinction, and book selection, especially in the field of fiction, requires careful weighing and consideration.

We wish to extend our thanks to the Southbridge Evening News for the publicity it has given to library activities and the space generously allotted to book news.

And our thanks to the members of the Library Board for their interest in the library and devotion to its welfare.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Library	Jacob Edwards Memorial Library
Date of founding	1871
Population served	18,000
Days open during year	304
Hours open each week	63
Number of volumes January 1, 1952	35,463
Number of volumes added	1,635
New	1,622
Replaced	13
(Including 308 books by gift and transfer from rental collection)	
Number of volumes discarded and lost	598
Number of volumes December 31, 1952	36,500
Number of registered borrowers	4,355
Number of volumes lent for home use	82,221
Largest circulation for one day (February 23)	460
Smallest circulation for one day (September 20)	138
Average circulation per day	250

LIBRARY STAFF

Librarian	Marguerite Barrett
Reference Librarian	Hilda Heather
General Assistant	Gladys Hobson
Children's Librarian	Mary Hazelton
Janitor	Romualdo DiBonaventura

PART TIME STAFF

Marilyn Anderson	Jo-Anne Rannigan
Alice Bradley	Rita Roy
Claire Hart	Barbara St. Martin
Viola Michael	Ailsa Wojciechowska
Helen Rowley	

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Respectfully submitted,
MARGUERITE BARRETT,
Librarian.

**TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS
LIBRARY DEPARTMENT**

THE JACOB EDWARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

1952 Receipts and Expenditures

1953 Budget Estimates

1953
Budget

Cash balance, Jan. 1, 1952	\$ 5,685.51	
Receipts from:		
Town Appropriation—Regular	16,974.00	
Town Appropriation—Special	1,000.00	
Mynott Fund Interest	27.50	
Trustees of Edwards Trust Fund	6,771.73	
Pilsudski Club Book Fund	125.00	
Total	<u>\$30,583.74</u>	
Expenditures:		
Payroll	\$13,326.51	\$13,300.00
Building Expenses	4,586.34	4,720.00
Operating Expenses	850.54	975.00
Building Maintenance	313.60	250.00
Grounds Maintenance	138.16	175.00
Books and Periodicals	3,088.34	3,300.00
Book Repairs	191.02	300.00
Equipment	216.35	400.00
Special Alterations and Repairs	315.42	1,000.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$23,026.28</u>	<u>\$24,420.00</u>
Transferred to Reserve for Building		
Repairs and Alterations	1,088.06	
Returned to E & D a/c .....	.91	
Total	<u>\$24,115.25</u>	
Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1952	<u>\$ 6,468.49</u>	
Represented by:		
Special Appropriation—		
Unspent	\$4,782.95	
Trustees Cash	1,557.72	
Mynott Fund	20.63	
Pilsudski Club Fund	107.19	
	<u>\$ 6,468.49</u>	

Reserve for Building Repairs and Improvements

Balance, January 1, 1952	\$19,868.92
Add:	
Interest	499.41
Transferred from operating account	1,088.06
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Balance, December 31, 1952	\$21,456.39

The following tabulation indicates the proportion of the cost of the Library borne by the taxpayers of the Town of Southbridge:

	1952		1953	
	Budget	%	Expenditures	%
Expenses paid by the Town:				
Appropriation — Regular	\$16,974.00	72.4	\$16,973.00	73.7
Appropriation — Special	1,000.00	4.3	315.42	1.4
	<u>\$17,974.00</u>	<u>76.7</u>	<u>\$17,288.51</u>	<u>75.1</u>
			\$18,674.00	76.5
Expenses paid by Trustee Funds:				
Edwards Trusts	5,466.00	23.3	5,694.63	24.7
Mynott Fund			25.33	.1
Pilsudski Club Book Fund			17.81	.1
	<u>\$23,440.00</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>\$23,026.28</u>	<u>100.0</u>
			\$24,420.00	100.0

If the amount collected by the Library and turned in to the Town Treasurer, \$1,039.26, is taken into consideration, the net cost to the taxpayers for 1952, \$16,249.25, is 70.6% of the cost for the year.

Attention is called to the estimated contribution for 1953 of \$5,746.00 from Trust Funds. On this basis the Town cost will be only 76.5% of the total budget including the special appropriation of \$1,000.00.

Your attention is also directed to the Reserve for Building Repairs and Improvements which amounted to \$21,456.39 at December 31, 1952. During the month of January, 1953, bids were solicited for remodeling the entrance to conform to fire regulations, renovation of the lighting facilities and painting the interior of the Library. The total cost of these alterations and improvements is expected to be in excess of \$25,000.00. Thus the reserve plus this unspent special appropriation may not be sufficient to cover these expenditures.

In the interest of the public the trustees urgently recommend that the facilities of the Library be expended through the addition of a building to be used as a Children's Library. Trustees appeared before the Southbridge Improvement Committee in 1947 and \$48,500.00 was set up as a capital outlay for 1948 — all or part of this amount to be raised by a bond issue. This recommendation was included in the warrant for 1948 and 1949, but it was turned down by the Finance Committee and the voters.

Again it is stressed that this needed Children's Library will not only develop reading habits for children, but will make available for adults the present facilities under more satisfactory conditions.

Approved by Trustees,

The Jacob Edwards Memorial Library.

NERIO W. PIOPI,
JACOB K. EDWARDS,
JOHN O. MARTIN,
E. D. MITCHELL,
OSWALD J. LALIBERTE,
EDWARD P. SHEEHAN,
W. WESLEY CRAWFORD.

**THIRTY-SEVENTH REPORT
OF THE
TOWN ACCOUNTANT
OF THE
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1952**

RECEIPTS — 1952

GENERAL REVENUE

Taxes:

Current Year:

Poll	\$ 9,554.00	
Personal	156,500.75	
Real Estate	744,015.75	
Motor Vehicle Excise	97,430.68	\$1,007,501.18
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Previous Years:

Poll	\$ 24.00	
Personal	3,915.58	
Real Estate	27,287.37	
Motor Vehicle Excise	6,636.90	37,863.85
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From State:

Business-Corporation Tax	\$ 105,947.10	
Income Tax	123,187.16	
School Aid According to Chapter 70	14,614.95	
Meal Tax — O. A. A.	6,758.07	250,507.28
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Licenses and Permits:

Licenses:

Liquor	\$ 14,658.00	
Hawkers, Peddlers & Junk	279.00	
Sunday Store	129.00	
Common Victuallers and Innholders	173.00	
Pool, Billiard and Junk	294.00	
Milk and Oleo	100.50	

Auto Dealers	90.00	
Auctioneers	7.00	
Taxis and Drivers	121.00	
Firearms	82.50	
All Other	1,709.00	17,643.00
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Permits:		
Garage	\$ 31.00	
Gasoline and Mootr Oil	36.00	
All Other	74.80	141.80
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Fines and Forfeitures:		
Court Fines		1,215.50
Grants and Gifts:		
County — Dog Licenses		2,096.20
From State:		
English-Speaking Classes	\$ 1,102.00	
High School Transportation	36,279.64	37,381.64
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Highway Aid:		
State and County — Chapter 90		
Contract #13404 — County	\$ 1,200.00	
Contract #12867 — County	1,043.17	
Contract #13404 — State	1,200.00	
Contract #12867 — State	2,086.32	5,529.49
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Federal Grants and Gifts:		
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Salaries and Administration	\$ 177.20	
Expense	15,557.61	15,734.81
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Old Age Assistance:		
Salaries and Administration	\$ 1,700.55	
Expense	110,347.61	112,048.16
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Disability Assistance:		
Salaries and Administration	\$ 168.53	
Expense	4,003.23	4,171.76
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All Other Revenue:		
Southbridge Auth. — In lieu of Taxes	\$ 16,445.97	
Tax Title Sales	140.00	16,585.97
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Total General Revenue		\$1,508,420.64

Commercial Revenue

Departmental:

General Government:

Selectmen	\$ 1,123.94	
Town Hall	207.06	\$ 1,331.00

Protection of Persons & Property:

Police:

All Other	47.96	
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Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Sealing Fees	437.40	
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Ambulance Fees	2,252.00	4,068.36
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Health and Sanitation:

Tuberculosis	\$ 41.00	
All Other	1,344.40	1,385.04

Highways:

Equipment Rental	291.05	
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Public Welfare & Veterans Benefits:

Temporary Aid:

From State	\$ 5,926.32	
From Cities & Towns	2,334.17	
From Individuals	171.81	8,432.30

Aid to Dependent Children:

From State	11,467.09	
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Old Age Assistance:

From State	\$ 88,170.73	
From Cities & Towns	2,398.70	
From Individuals	36.26	90,605.69

Disability Assistance:

From State	3,216.84	
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Infirmary:

Reimbursements	402.40	
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Veterans Benefits:

From State	10,873.36	126,674.13
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Schools and Libraries:

Tuition — State Wards \$	1,748.80	
Other Tuition	32,706.50	
Sale of Books & Sup. ..	14.50	
All Other .....	.50	
Fines & Sales, Library	1,155.56	
Sal. — Pd. by Trustees	1,535.20	37,161.06
		37,161.06

Unclassified:

Parking Meter Receipts				19,847.56
Total Departmental Revenue			\$	187,751.11

Cemetery:**Oak Ridge Cemetery:**

Sale of Lots and Graves	\$	750.00		
Graves Opened		1,206.00	\$	1,956.00
			\$	1,956.00

Special Assessments:

Sewers Unapport.	\$	2,147.98		
Sewers Added to Taxes		1,286.20	\$	3,434.18
				3,434.18

Interest:

On Deferred Taxes	\$	987.98		
On Special Assessments		89.60		
Cost of Sale (Tax Title)		6.45		
On Motor Vehicle Excise		45.40		

On Trust and Investment Funds:

Ella M. Cole	\$	78.75		
Mabel Murphy Fund ..		55.00		
Mary Mynott Fund		27.50		
Adah Stedman Fund ..		30.00		
Cemetery Fund		2,432.89	2,624.14	3,753.57

Municipal Indebtedness:

Anticipation of Revenue				400,000.00
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Agency, Trust and Investment:**Agency:**

Insurance Loss				
Reimbursement	\$	4,893.82		
Dog Licenses—				
Due County		1,864.25		
Federal With. Tax		88,695.12		
Blue Cross		6,174.78		
Deposits on Plans and Bids		6,790.00		
Certified Check in Lieu of Bond — Durfee				
St. Sewer		1,700.00		
School Lunch Program		17,142.60		
School Athletic Fund		6,345.56	133,606.13	

Trust and Investment:

Perpetual Care	\$	500.00		
Investment		3,375.00	3,875.00	137,481.13

Refunds:

Treasurer's Expense .. \$	213.25		
Tax Collector's Exp.	20.00		
Planning Board — 1951	81.08		
Planning Board — 1952	9.01		
Police Expense — 1951	16.20		
General Relief Expense	79.00		
Welfare Dept. Administra.	.06		
Disability Assistance Town			
Appropriation Expense	54.00		
Aid to Dependent Children			
Town Approp. Exp.	3.00		
A. D. C., Federal Grant			
Expense	244.95		
O. A. A. Town App. Exp.	613.45		
O. A. A. Fed. Grant Exp.	523.40		
Infirmary — Salary	12.96		
Vet. Benefits Exp.—1951	9.00		
Vet. Benefits Exp.—1952	108.00		
Veterans Serv. Expense	26.70		
Library Expense .....	.88		
World War Memorial			
Park Expense	9.95		
Henry St. Field Salary	3.45		
Dennison Dr. Reconstr.	14.62		
Hook & Central Sts.			
Land & Build. Purch.	.30		
Lemire Post #6055—Lease	75.00		
Int. — Temporary Loans	19.47		
Insurance Account	2,639.02		
Teachers' Annuity Fund	497.34		
Unknown Account	5.00	\$ 5,279.09	5,279.09
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Total Revenue for 1952			\$2,248,075.72
Cash on Hand, January 1, 1952			436,662.89
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			\$2,684.738.61
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EXPENDITURES — 1952

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator:

Salary	\$	60.00	
Expense		7.20	\$ 67.20
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Finance Committee			17.00

Selectmen:**Salaries and Wages:**

Chairman	\$	549.31		
2 Members		787.50		
Clerical Services		2,540.00	3,876.81	

Other Expenses:

Stationery and Postage \$	207.40			
Printing & Advertising	428.55			
Telephone	131.45			
Equip. and Maintenance	18.00			
All Other	180.38	965.78		4,842.59

Accountant:**Salaries and Wages:**

Accountant	\$	3,150.00		
Clerk		1,716.00		
Extra Clerical		98.27	\$ 4,964.27	

Other Expenses:

Supplies, Stationery and Postage	\$	80.96		
Telephone		1.35		
Equip. & Maintenance		370.10		
Travel, Dues and All Other		54.19		
Printing		194.53	701.13	5,665.40

Treasurer:**Salaries and Wages:**

Treasurer	\$	2,400.00		
Clerk		2,080.00		
Extra Clerical Serv.		724.79	\$ 5,204.79	

Other Expenses:

Supplies, Stationery and Postage	\$	378.52		
Printing		271.75		
Equip. & Maintenance		116.40		
Telephone		110.75		
Surety Bond		559.33		
Foreclosure Tax Titles		215.00		
Travel, Dues and All Other		135.57	1,787.32	6,992.11

Tax Collector:**Salaries and Wages:**

Collector	\$	3,150.00		
Special Collectors		52.50		
Clerk		1,774.25		
Extra Clerical		300.00	5,276.75	

Other Expenses:

Printing & Advertising \$	265.85		
Telephone	99.25		
Surety Bond	400.90		
Equip. & Maintenance	169.05		
Travel, Dues and			
All Other	142.23		
Stationery and Postage	1,207.87	2,285.15	7,561.90

Assessors:**Salaries and Wages:**

Assessors, 2 Members \$	1,100.00		
Clerk of Board	3,450.00		
Clerical Assistance	1,820.00		
Extra Clerical Serv.	125.00	6,495.00	

Other Expenses:

Stationery & Postage \$	784.54		
Printing & Advertising	4.00		
Telephone	91.70		
Equip. & Maintenance	304.70		
Meals	34.09		
Dues and All Other ..	44.43		
Cars, Auto Hire, etc.	264.12	1,527.58	8,022.58

Town Collector:**Salaries and Wages:**

Collector	\$	250.00		
Extra Clerical Services		294.88	544.88	

Other Expenses:

Supplies, Stationery				
and Postage	\$	46.28		
Equip. & Maintenance		89.86	136.14	681.02

Law:**Salaries and Wages:**

Town Counsel		1,599.95		
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Other Expenses:

Stationery and Postage	\$ 49.96		
Telephone	23.45		
Recording Fees	92.10		
Legal Services	16.00		
Travel, Dues and			
All Other	108.97	290.48	1,890.43

Town Clerk:**Salaries and Wages:**

Town Clerk	\$ 1,910.00		
Clerk	778.00	2,688.00	

Other Expenses:

Stationery and Postage	\$ 146.88		
Printing & Advertising	3.00		
Telephone	158.83		
Surety Bond	15.00		
Equip. & Maintenance	212.22		
Travel, Dues and			
All Other	53.41	589.34	3,277.34

Election and Registration:**Salaries and Wages:**

Registrars		\$ 550.00	
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Election Expense:

Election Officers	\$ 4,371.85		
Clerical Services	1,656.98		
Extra Clerical Serv.	10.00		
Supplies, Stationery			
and Postage	399.78		
Printing and Advertising	488.25		
Meals	809.85		
Carfares, Auto Hire, etc.	.72		
All Other	82.92	7,820.35	

Special Election Expense:

Election Workers	\$ 632.05		
Meals	116.50	748.55	

Relisting Expense:

Clerical Services	\$ 118.13		
Assistant Registrars ..	817.11		
Supplies and Postage	201.59		
Printing	758.28		
Equip. and Maintenance	9.00		
Auto and Taxi	15.70		
Advertising	5.31	1,925.12	11,044.02

Engineering:**Salaries and Wages:**

Engineer	\$	5,428.34		
Assistant Engineer		3,534.13		
Clerks and Helpers		5,587.47	14,549.94	

Office Expense:

Printing, Supplies and Postage	\$	204.68		
Equip. & Maintenance		5.95		
Telephone		146.77	357.40	

Field Expense:

Materials & Supplies	\$	177.99		
Mileage and Travel		790.91		
Equip. & Maintenance		12.50	981.40	15,888.74

Town Hall:**Salaries and Wages:**

Janitor			2,884.00	
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Other Expenses:

Helpers	\$	567.95		
Fuel		2,917.76		
Light		760.10		
Janitor's Supplies		295.25		
Repairs		270.18		
Telephone		39.60		
Equip. & Maintenance		17.59		
Water and All Other		143.68	5,012.11	7,896.11

Planning Board:**Expense:**

Office Supplies	\$	221.65		
Travel		90.98		
All Other		205.69	518.32	518.32

Retirement Board:

Administration			1,090.00	1,090.00
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Total General Government			\$	75,454.76
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PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY**Police Department:****Salaries and Wages:**

Chief	\$	4,638.96		
Patrolmen		67,147.80		

Special Police	6,997.40		
Lock-Up Keeper	2,095.40		
Finger Print Officer	200.00		
Matrons and Doctors	14.00	81,093.56	
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Equipment and Maintenance:			
Motor Equipment	\$ 1,382.82		
Gasoline, Oil, Etc.	1,390.64		
Radio Equipment			
and Maintenance ..	1,100.59		
Officers' Equipment ..	499.88	4,373.93	
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Fuel and Light:			
Fuel	\$ 772.81		
Light	452.10	1,224.91	
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Other Expenses:			
Janitor's Supplies	\$ 397.38		
Water and All Other	103.25		
Supplies, Printing,			
Postage and Stationery	324.90		
Telephone	2,393.72		
Equip. & Maintenance	167.05		
Dues and All Other	171.00		
Board and Care —			
Private Institutions	236.89	3,794.19	
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One Police Cruiser		1,891.05	
Aux. Police Equip.		685.77	
Officers' Expense		81.09	
School Safety Patrol			
Supplies		249.22	
Fingerprint Identifi-			
cation Equipment		350.79	
Buildings Repairs		498.43	
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Total Regular Department		\$ 94,242.94	
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Parking Meter Division:			
Salaries of Regular			
and Sub Officers	\$ 7,933.20		
Signs, Parts,			
Painting, etc.	3,894.77	11,827.97	106,070.91
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Fire Department:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Sal. of Chief	\$ 4,169.36		
Ass't. Chief, Capt.			
and Lieut.	11,239.02		

Permanent Firemen	51,604.62		
Call Firemen	4,764.37		
Supt. of Alarm	350.00		
Clerk of Fire Dept. ..	100.00	72,227.37	
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Snow Removal—Hydrants		49.70	
New Underground Cables and Fire Alarm Boxes		6,692.85	
New Hose		1,841.87	
Equipment:			
Repairs — Apparatus	\$ 315.74		
Equipment for Men	93.66		
Aparatus Accessories	485.60	895.00	
Maintenance and Repairs:			
Radio Equipment and Maintenance ..	\$ 323.10		
Gasoline and Oil	381.87		
Alarm Boxes, etc.	235.17		
Shop Equip. Maint. ..	20.88	961.02	
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Hydrant Service		20,458.75	
Fuel and Light:			
Fuel	\$ 1,268.94		
Light	346.94	1,615.88	
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Maintenance of Building and Grounds:			
Repairs	\$ 350.10		
Furniture and Furnishings	188.09		
Laundry	83.17		
Water and Janitor's Supplies	217.10	838.46	
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Other Expenses:			
Stationery, Printing and Psotage	\$ 26.55		
Telephone	332.33		
Office Equipment and Maintenance	54.25		
Mileage and Travel ..	305.05	718.18	
Out of State Travel		46.15	106,345.23
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Forest Fire:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Warden	\$ 200.00		
Fighting Fires	347.25	547.25	
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Other Expenses:

Radio Equipment and Maintenance	\$	98.73		
Repairs, Parts, Gas and Oil		230.98		
Materials and Supplies		129.58		
New Hose		120.00		
Food for Men at Fire		48.41	627.70	1,174.95

Ambulance:

Equipment, Maintenance and Laundry	\$	472.39		
Gasoline, Oil and Auto Maintenance		353.61		
Materials and Supplies		35.74		
Driver's Exp. and Radio Equipment		257.70		1,119.44
New Ambulance:				
New Ambulance	\$	4,807.98		
Resuscitator — Triple Model		650.00		5,457.98

Sealer of Weights and Measures:**Salaries and Wages:**

Sealer		1,300.00		
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Other Expenses:

Office Supplies	\$	8.71		
Printing and Advertising		3.50		
Travel		300.00		
Equip. and Maint.		16.46		
Trailer Repairs		20.00		
All Other		7.91	356.58	1,656.58

Dog Officer:

Board and Care of Dogs \$	351.75		
Dogs Destroyed	148.00		499.75

Street Lighting:

Street Lights	\$	18,547.98		18,547.98
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Animal Inspector:**Salaries and Wages:**

Salary	\$	124.92		
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Other Expenses:

Mileage and Travel		75.00		199.92
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Building Inspector:**Salaries and Wages:**

Salary:	\$	400.00	
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Other Expenses:

Materials and Supplies \$	40.00		
Mileage	60.00	100.00	500.00

Wire Inspector:**Salaries and Wages:**

Salary	\$	400.00	
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Other Expenses:

Materials and Supplies \$	36.78		
Equip. and Mainten.	59.50		
Mileage	63.00	159.28	559.28

Planting and Trimming of Trees:**Salaries and Wages:**

Tree Warden	\$	321.75	
Labor		1,164.46	1,486.21

Other Expenses:

Hardware and Tools \$	114.38		
Winch Saw and			
Truck Hire	361.00		
Memorial Park—			
Tree Repair	295.00		
All Other	38.34	808.72	2,294.93

Moth Extermination:**Salaries and Wages:**

Superintendent	\$	113.55	
Labor		97.65	211.20

Other Expenses:

Truck Hire	\$	169.50	
Insecticides		17.50	
Hardware and Tools		1.80	188.80

Dutch Elm Disease:**Salaries and Wages:**

Superintendent	\$	18.00	
Labor		13.73	31.73

Other Expenses:		
Insecticide and Equip-		
ment Hire	2,968.25	2,999.98
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Total Protection of Persons and Property		\$ 247,826.93

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Health:

Salaries and Wages:

Board Members	\$ 325.42	
Agent	550.00	
Board Physician	330.00	
Parochial Sch., M.D.	770.00	
Podiatrist	250.00	
Nurse	2,710.00	
Clerk Hire	300.00	
Dental Clinic	700.00	
Plumbing Inspector ..	2,347.84	
Food Inspector	275.00	
Milk Inspector	366.52	
Slaughtering Insp.	385.00	
Sanitary Inspector	440.00	9,749.78
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Travel:

Agent	\$ 47.87	
Nurse	118.10	
Plumbing Inspector ..	198.26	
Slaughtering Insp.	26.50	390.73
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Premature Births	1,904.75
Garbage Collection ..	8,998.00

Other Expenses:

Dental Clinic	\$ 26.95	
Laboratory	87.94	
Office	364.40	
Dues	4.00	
School Med. Supplies	16.67	499.96
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Vital statistics:

Births	\$ 120.75	
Deaths	39.00	159.75
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Tuberculosis and Contagious

Disease:

Worcester County	
Sanitarium	\$ 4,197.00
No. Reading Sanitarium	4.50

Miscellaneous Exp.	14.51		
Medical Supplies	10.42	4,226.43	25,929.40

Sewer:

Salaries and Wages:

Commissioners	\$ 450.00		
Caretaker	2,900.00		
Labor	222.00	3,572.00	

Administrative Expenses:

Stationery, Printing and Postage	\$ 5.00		
Tel. and All Other	170.10	175.10	

General Expenses:

Insurance, Registration and Repairs to Truck \$	44.25		
Tools and Equip.	12.60		
Pipe and Fittings	5.57		
Gasoline and Oil	271.23		
Materials and Supplies	54.68		
Repair, Sewer Lines	526.00		
Man Holes	186.16		
Fuel and Light	12.00		
Advertising	32.50	1,144.99	

New Equipment—

½-Ton Truck	1,607.35		
Carry-All Trailer	310.81	6,810.25	

Total Health and Sanitation	\$	32,739.65
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HIGHWAYS, SNOW AND ICE

General Administration:

Salaries and Wages:

Commissioners	\$ 600.00		
Superintendent	3,550.00	\$ 4,150.00	

Other Expenses:

Stationery, Supplies and Postage	\$ 126.22		
Telephone	273.94		
All Other	44.50	444.66	

General Maintenance:

Timekeeper Clerk	\$ 2,771.30		
Labor	33,228.41		

Equipment Rental	141.00		
Equip. and Repairs	1,042.24		
Broken Stone, Gravel and Other Surfacing	6,389.48		
Tarvia, Oil and Other Surfacing	9,357.16		
Other Materials and Supplies	297.97		
All Other	127.20	53,354.76	
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Automotive Expense:			
Gas, Oil, etc.	\$ 6.52		
Registration	4.00	10.52	
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Building and Grounds:			
Maint. and Repairs	\$ 779.60		
Fuel, Light and Water	877.84		
Equip. & Maint.	13.74		
All Other	72.59	1,743.77	59,703.71
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Road Machinery Maintenance:			
Equipment Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 3,854.53		
Gasoline and Oil	3,931.45		
Tires and Tubes	1,133.89		
Equipment	721.30	9,641.17	9,641.17
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New Road Machinery:			
New Equipment	\$ 8,027.76		
Advertising	26.56	8,054.32	
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Other Expenses:			
Mobile Radio	\$ 164.03		
All Other	111.06	275.09	8,329.41
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Town Dump:			
Salary	\$ 1,820.00		
Rodent Extermination	900.00	2,720.00	2,720.00
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Rubbish Collection:			
Contract	\$ 3,479.00		
Advertising	9.38	3,488.38	3,488.38
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Snow and Ice:

Timekeeper Clerk	\$	371.70		
Labor		6,642.32		
Cal. Chlor., Gravel, Salt and Sand		3,543.04		
Laborers Meals		154.00		
Truck Hire		1,408.25		
County Roads Shovel Rental		161.00	12,280.31	12,280.31
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Chapter 90 Maintenance:**State and County—****Aid:****Worcester Street:**

Labor	\$	564.30		
Materials and Suppl.		336.86		
Truck Hire		99.00	1,000.16	
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Dudley Road:

Labor	\$	100.00	100.00	
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East Main Street:

Labor	\$	926.65		
Materials and Suppl.		279.30		
Truck Hire		42.00	1,247.95	
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Mechanic Street:

Labor	\$	100.00	100.00	
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Woodstock Road:

Labor	\$	150.00	150.00	
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Old No. Woodstock Rd.:

Labor	\$	100.00	100.00	
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River Road:

Labor	\$	49.90	49.90	
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Dresser Hill Road:

Labor	\$	132.14	132.14	
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Hamilton Street:

Labor	\$	50.00	50.00	
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Eastford Road:

Labor	\$	69.85	69.85	3,000.00
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Total Highways, Snow and Ice, Dump, Rubbish, Chapter 90			\$	99,162.98
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CHARITIES AND VETERANS BENEFITS**General Relief:****Salaries and Wages:**

Board	\$	1,200.00		
Supervisor		300.00		
Social Workers		600.00		
Clerks		900.00	3,000.00	

General Administration:

Stationery, Supplies and Postage	\$	94.16		
Telephone		26.95		
Mileage and Travel		79.83		
All Other		25.23	226.17	

Other Expenses:

Groceries and Provisions	\$	5,324.54		
Fuel		1,414.76		
Medicine and Medical Services		4,173.50		
Hospital Care		5,358.69		
Rent		1,144.34		
Clothing		422.17		
Cash Grants		6,233.20		
Board and Care		4,339.98		
State Institutions		69.76		
Household Furnishings and Mov.		36.00		
Burials		510.00		
All Other		36.10	29,063.04	

**Relief by Other Cities
and Towns:**

Cities	\$	714.24		
Towns		1,084.18	1,798.42	

Truck Expense:

Gasoline, Oil, Etc.	\$	80.00		
Equip. and Mainten. ..		12.20	92.20	34,179.83

Aid to Dependent Children:**Town Appropriation—****Salaries and Wages:**

Supervisor	\$	400.00	
Social Workers		540.00	
Clerks		320.00	1,260.00
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Relief Expenses:

Cash Grants		17,028.67	18,288.67
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Aid to Dependent Children:**Federal Grant—****Salaries and Wages:**

Supervisor	\$	200.00	
Social Workers		200.00	
Clerks		100.00	500.00
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Other Expenses:

Telephone	\$	106.22	
Stationery, Supplies and Postage		39.27	
Mileage and Travel		118.66	
Dues and All Other		5.00	269.15
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Relief Expenses:

Cash Grants	\$	20,093.29	
Cities and Towns		226.87	20,320.16
		<hr/>	21,089.31

Old Age Assistance:**Town Appropriation—****Salaries and Wages:**

Supervisor	\$	2,000.00	
Social Worker		3,100.00	
Clerks		1,400.00	6,500.00
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Other Expenses:

Stationery, Supplies and Postage	\$	226.62	
Equip. and Maint.		2.00	
Mileage and Travel		78.27	306.89
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Relief Expenses:

Cash Grants	\$102,194.80		
Cities and Towns	2,038.31	104,233.11	111,040.00
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Old Age Assistance:**Federal Grant—****Salaries and Wages:**

Supervisor	\$	900.00		
Social Worker		1,086.15		
Clerks		1,139.60	3,125.75	

Other Expenses:

Telephone	\$	93.42		
Stationery, Supplies and Postage		536.40		
Mileage and Travel ..		174.67		
All Other		44.35	848.84	

Relief Expenses:

Cash Grants	\$129,947.67			
Cities and Towns	3,188.02	132,135.69	136,110.28	

Disability Assistance:**Town Appropriation—****Salaries and Wages:**

Supervisor	\$	100.00		
Social Worker		200.00		
Clerks		200.00	500.00	

Cash Grants		7,629.33	8,129.33	
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Disability Assistance:**Federal Grant—****Relief Expenses:**

Cash Grants			3,880.77	
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Infirmmary:**Salaries and Wages:**

Superintendent		2,248.96		
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Other Expenses:

Groceries and Provisions	\$	4,610.48		
Household Furnishings		341.95		
Janitor's Supplies, Repairs		582.20		
Water, Fuel, Light		1,267.26		
Truck Expense		126.09		
Hospital and Medical Care		1,993.34		
Telephone and All Other		671.08	9,592.40	

Painting House and Barn		1,298.31	13,139.67
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Veterans Benefits:			
General Administration:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Veterans Agent	\$ 1,240.00		
Other Expenses:			
Office Expenses, Travel, etc.	179.44	1,419.44	
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Relief Expenses:			
Cash Grants	\$ 20,554.71		
Fuel	255.26		
Medical	1,534.65		
Hospital Care	2,905.91		
Food	427.26		
Rent, Clothes, etc.	31.95		
Private Institutions	321.42	26,031.16	27,450.60
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Veterans Services:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Supervisor	\$ 1,922.20		
Clerk	1,703.80	3,626.00	
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Other Expenses:			
Printing, Stationery and supplies	\$ 137.40		
Mileage and Travel	143.75		
Telephone	218.51		
Dues and All Other ..	25.85	525.51	4,151.51
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Maintenance of Vet. Graves:			
Maint. of Graves	\$ 415.00		
Materials and Suppl.	34.93	449.93	449.93
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Soldiers Burials:			
Burial		67.00	67.00
Burial Allowance to Vet- erans' Organizations:			
Grave Markers		30.00	30.00
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Total Charities and Veterans Benefits			\$ 378,006.90

SCHOOLS

General Control:

Salaries and Wages:

150 Superintendent	\$ 7,269.84	
156 Supt.'s Clerk	4,626.93	
157 Extra Clerical	251.67	
103 School Census ..	375.92	12,524.36

Other Expenses:

160 Supplies	\$ 262.40		
180 Printing	304.03		
181 Traveling	353.14		
181b Supervisors and Confer. Travel ..	90.00		
182 Telephone	226.78		
182a Postage, Books, Pe- riodic., etc.	202.14		
182b Equip. and Maint.	114.14	1,552.63	14,076.99

High School:

Instruction Salaries:

220 Principal	\$ 5,600.00	
225 Princ. Clerk	2,550.00	
240 Teachers	86,141.80	
245 Sust. Teachers	1,374.00	95,665.80

Instruction Expense:

250 Text & Refer- ence Books	\$ 2,830.61	
270 Supplies	4,203.63	
660 Typewriters, Ma- chines, etc.	735.96	7,770.20

Other Expenses:

210 Superv. Travel	\$ 164.15	
235 Printing, Supplies and Postage	196.27	
290 Commencement Exp.	200.00	560.42

Operation of Plant:

Salaries and Wages:

501 Janitors	9,627.22
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Other Expenses:

510 Janitors' Suppl. ..	\$ 714.72
520 Fuel	3,827.55

530 Water	282.46		
540 Gas and Elec.	2,122.80		
565 Telephone	189.17		
580 Drayage	109.75	7,246.45	
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Maintenance of Plant:			
601 Grounds	\$ 275.78		
620 Buildings	2,596.15		
640 Service Sys.	1,159.97		
680 Other Expenses	309.37	4,341.27	
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Capital Outlay:			
930 Build. Altera- tions and Addi. ..	\$ 1,287.83		
965 New Furnish.	402.55		
975 New Equipment	778.82		
985 Other Expenses	221.37	2,690.57	127,901.93
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Elementary Schools:			
Instruction Salaries:			
240 Teachers	\$189,659.96		
245 Sub. Teachers.....	1,783.50	191,443.46	
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Instruction Expense:			
210 Superv. Travel	\$ 221.98		
250 Text and Refer- ence Books	2,842.90		
270 Supplies	7,054.42		
660 Instruc. Equip.	504.83		
235 Printing	48.84	10,672.97	
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Operation of Plant:			
Salaries and Wages:			
501 Janitors		15,505.17	
Other Expenses:			
510 Janitors' Suppl.	\$2,007.95		
520 Fuel	9,226.93		
530 Water	621.65		
540 Gas & Elec.	2,455.32		
565 Telephone	900.45		
580 Drayage	226.01	15,438.31	
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Maintenance of Plant:			
601 Grounds	\$ 528.02		
620 Buildings	3,436.35		
640 Service Sys.	687.67		
680 Other Expenses	252.12	4,904.16	
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Capital Outlay:

930 Bldg. Alter.			
and Additions	\$	356.75	
965 New Furnish.		1,571.27	
975 New Equip.		22.02	
985 Other Expenses		361.12	2,311.16
			240,275.23

Elementary Evening Schools:**Instruction Salaries:**

220 Director's	\$	200.00	
240 Teachers		858.00	1,058.00

Instruction Expense:

210 Superv. Travel	\$	42.31	
250 Text and Reference Books		31.96	74.27

Operation of Plant:

520 Fuel	\$	100.00	
540 Gas & Elec.		249.12	349.12
			1,481.39

Household Arts:**Instruction Salaries:**

240 Teachers	\$	5,385.45	
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Other Expenses:

210 Superv. Travel ..	\$	25.85	
250 Text and Reference Books		50.00	
270 Supplies		369.22	
660 Instruc. Equip.		12.91	
965 New Furnish.		320.24	
975 Capital Outlay		319.40	6,483.07
			6,483.07

High Evening School:**Instruction Salaries:**

240 Teachers		1,018.69	
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Instruction Expense:

270 Supplies		125.87	
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Operation of Plant:

520 Fuel	\$	200.00	
540 Gas & Elec.		100.00	300.00
			1,444.56

Industrial Arts:**Instruction Salaries:**

240 Teachers		1,405.34	
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Other Expenses:			
250 Textbooks	\$	47.60	
270 Supplies		420.24	
660 Maintenance		5.14	
975 New Equip.		26.88	499.86
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			1,905.20

Domestic Science:

Instruction Salaries:			
240 Teachers	\$	2,126.15	
270 Supplies		252.08	2,378.23
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			2,378.23

Auxiliary Agencies:

Pupils:			
313 Transp. of Pupils	\$	19,815.12	
360 Tuition of Other Pupils		499.13	20,314.25
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Medical Services:			
402 Physician	\$	1,999.96	
404 Nurse		2,642.00	4,641.96
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Other Expenses:			
401 Attendance	\$	330.73	
405 Telephone		450.88	
405a Misc. Suppl.		63.68	845.29
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			25,801.50

Visual Aids:

250 Teach. Sal.	\$	800.00	
270 Supplies		562.92	
660 Maintenance		32.76	1,395.68
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			1,395.68

Cole Trade School:

General Control:

Salaries:			
220 Director	\$	5,192.32	
225 Clerks		2,526.94	
226 Extra Clerical		2,443.33	10,162.59
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Expenses:			
235 Printing, Supplies, Postage	\$	173.05	
565 Telephone		182.84	
210 Superv. Travel		155.69	
290 Commence. Exp.		76.90	588.48
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Instruction Salaries:			
240 Teachers	\$	53,369.22	
245 Subst. Teachers		112.50	53,481.72
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Instruction Expense:			
250 Text and Refer- ence Books	\$	442.59	
270 Supplies		3,529.66	
660 Equipment		3,805.87	7,778.12
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Operation of Plant:			
Salaries:			
501 Janitors			2,775.23
Expenses:			
510 Janitors' Suppl.	\$	465.79	
520 Fuel		1,770.95	
530 Water		109.67	
540 Gas & Elec.		711.20	
580 Drayage		39.10	3,096.71
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Maintenance of Plant:			
601 Grounds	\$	111.53	
620 Buildings		127.22	
640 Service Systems		935.95	1,174.70
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Capital Outlay:			
930 Alterations and Additions	\$	263.23	
963 New Furnish.		45.39	
975 Instr. Apparatus		2,806.77	
985 Other Expenses		475.48	3,590.87
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			82,648.42
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Evening Trade Extension:			
Instruction Salaries:			
220 Director's Sal.	\$	207.68	
225 Clerk		123.06	
226 Extra Clerical		98.06	
240 Teachers		2,603.04	3,031.84
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Instruction Expense:			
250 Books	\$	36.48	
270 Supplies		486.50	
660 Instruc. Equip.		177.84	700.82
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Operation of Plant:			
Salaries:			
501 Janitors			111.53

Expense:		
540 Gas & Elec.	100.00	3,944.19

Smith-Hughes Fund:

Teachers' Salaries:

240 Vocational			
Classes	\$ 1,150.39		
240 Practical Arts	25.31		
240 Vocation. Even.	29.28	1,204.98	1,204.98

Total Schools		\$ 510,941.37
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LIBRARY

Jacob Edwards Memorial Library:

Salaries and Wages:

101 Librarians	\$ 3,523.96	
103 Assistants	8,317.55	
150-151 Janitor	2,667.69	14,509.20

Books, Periodicals, etc.:

201 Books	\$ 2,025.87	
202 Periodicals	379.41	2,405.28

Binding:

250 Books		112.45
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Fuel and Light:

301 Fuel	\$ 35.70	
302 Light	429.66	465.36

Building:

350-51052 Repairs	\$ 207.10	
501 Furniture and		
Furnishings	177.50	
303 Water	14.50	
304-306 All Other	110.59	509.69

Other Expenses:

402-403 Stationery,		
Print., Advert.	\$ 403.35	
401 Telephone	85.34	
All Other	18.50	507.19

Alterations and

Improvements		315.42
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Total Library		\$ 18,824.59
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RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Recreation:

Parks:

Labor	\$	402.75	
Loam		27.00	
Trees		63.00	\$ 492.75

Playgrounds:

Instructors Salaries	\$	3,002.50	
Materials and Suppl.		857.01	
Mileage, Travel		6.00	
Labor, Sports, Games, etc.		132.35	3,997.86

World War Memorial Park:

Labor	\$	212.00	
Elect. and Water		21.15	
Materials and Sup- plies and All Other		127.84	
Flowers and Wreaths		13.50	374.49

Honor Roll:

Materials and Suppl.	\$	90.95	
Electricity		47.04	
Maint. and Repairs		150.65	
Landscaping		15.00	303.64

Swimming Pool:

Instructors Salaries	\$	2,029.00	
Labor		1,052.01	
Salary Exp. Acct.		243.50	
Building & Grounds ..		170.69	
Materials & Supplies		275.44	
Telephone, Light, Water and Fuel		279.50	4,050.14

Dresser Street Field:

Caretaker	\$	531.93	
Labor — Salaries		3,467.40	
Labor — Maintenance and Improvement		745.01	
Telephone		87.81	
Materials and Suppl.		649.45	
Fuel, Light, Water		471.70	
Stationery, Supplies and Postage		9.12	
Equip. and Maint. ...		374.32	

Repairs to Field	1,199.10		
All Other	160.57	7,696.41	
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Alumni Field:			
Labor	\$ 499.38		
Labor — Exp. Account	18.00		
Truck Hire	380.00		
Materials and Suppl.	58.17		
Equip. and Material ..	7.00		
All Other	35.95	998.50	
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Henry Street Field:			
Labor — Salaries	\$ 503.42		
Labor — Expense	160.00		
Truck Hire	100.00		
Equipment	35.66		
Materials and Suppl.	193.09		
Advertising	11.25		
New Construction	3,499.71		
Level and Fill	499.63	5,002.76	
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Public Band Concerts:			
Concerts	\$ 425.00		
All Other	75.00	500.00	23,416.55
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Unclassified:			
Damage to Persons and Property	\$ 1,821.32		
Memorial Day	900.00		
Armistice Day	300.00		
Town Report	1,585.44		
Town Clock	45.76		
Pensions — Non- Contribut.	7,603.08		
Insur. of Buildings ..	8,532.85		
All Ins. — Work- men's Compens.	14,472.85		
Water, Ice and All Other	275.30		
Airport Maint.	6.70	35,543.30	
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Outstanding Bills of 1951:			
Engineering	\$ 12.65		
Welfare Dept.	97.76		
Veterans Benefit	159.00		
Town Hall	67.32		
Law	67.53	404.26	35,947.56
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CEMETERY

Oak Ridge Cemetery:

Salaries and Wages:

Superintendent	\$	700.00	
Labor		5,207.95	
Opening Graves		100.00	6,007.95

Other Expenses:

Equip. and Repairs ..	\$	149.10	
Gasoline and Oil		77.37	
New Equipment and Supplies		667.09	
Fertilizer and Loam		202.10	
Light		13.76	1,109.42

Cemetery Improvement Account:

Labor	\$	63.75	
New Equipment		461.80	
Landscaping		30.00	
Lumber		115.50	
Advertising		16.25	
All Other		8.50	
F. J. Shields Contract		1,802.76	2,498.56

Total Cemetery

9,615.93

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

Central St. Reconstruction:

Contract—

F. J. Shields, Inc.	\$	4,973.00	
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Central Street Drain:

Labor	\$	341.80	
Truck Hire		32.00	
Catch Basin		54.40	
Frames and Grates		80.00	
Materials and Suppl.		113.57	621.77

Chapin St. Reconstruction:

Advertising	\$	17.15	
Contract—Ciesla Bros.		8,762.33	8,779.48

1952 Chapter 90 Construction:

Eastford Road:

Advertising		43.10	
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1951 Chapter 90 Construction:**Eastford Road:**

Contract — Rome Construction Co. ..	3,577.05
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Civil Defense:

Director's Salary	\$ 1,300.00	
Supplies, Stationery and Postage	20.86	
Telephone	91.30	
Signs for Blood Typing	12.00	1,424.16
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Cliff Street Bridge:

Labor	\$ 11.25	
Materials and Suppl. Postage	408.04 1.65	
All Other	1.50	422.44
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Dennison Drive**Reconstruction:**

Labor	\$ 2,730.80	
Shovel, Bulldozer and Truck Hire	2,597.76	
Move Trees and Stumps	253.15	
Sand and Gravel	790.50	
Materials and Suppl. Adjust. Man Holes	2,179.01 62.70	8,613.92
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Brook Clearing Off**Charlton Street:**

Labor	\$ 34.12	
Equipment Hire	256.00	290.12
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Dresser (Main St.)**Property Maint.:**

Labor	395.00
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Durfee Street Sewer:

Contract—Ciesla Bros.	1,678.25
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Foster St. Reconstruction:

Contract — F. J. Shields	8,132.15
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Elm St. Reconstruction:

Advertising	\$ 50.28
22 Land Taking	46.00

Contract—Duff Bros.	29,104.85	
Remove Trees	485.00	29,686.13
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Elm Street Sewer:		
Contract —		
Frank J. Shields		7,212.75
Globe Village Fire Sta.—		
Disabled Veterans:		
Fuel	\$ 93.48	
Light	7.00	
Water and Ice	11.10	
Materials and Suppl.	36.10	147.68
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Goddard Court Sidewalk		
Payment:		
McKinstry Ice Co.		319.75
Homestead Ave. and		
Center St. Drain:		
Equipment Hire		120.00
Hook & Central Sts. Land		
and Building Purchase:		
Building Purchase		23,998.00
F. X. Laliberte—Sewer		
Reimbursement:		
Sewer Damage		633.53
Leonide Lemire Post V.F.W.:		
Rent		975.00
School Building Program:		
Janitor Service	\$ 5.00	
Photos	6.00	
Paper	17.80	
Consultant	5,000.00	
Architect	10,000.00	
Appraiser	175.00	15,203.80
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Liberty St. Sidewalk:		
Labor	\$ 331.54	
Equipment Hire	128.00	
Remove Trees	9.00	
Materials and Suppl.	928.17	1,396.71
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Lyons & Randolph Sts. Drain:		
Labor	\$ 866.28	
Equipment Hire	424.00	

Materials and Suppl.	2,401.44	
Frames and Grates	200.00	
Man Holes and Catch Basins	383.80	
Remove Trees	21.50	4,297.02
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Reinforced Lining on Main St. Culvert:		
Contract — Gunite Restoration Co., Inc.		4,123.00
Morris St. Curbing and Seal Coat:		
Labor	\$ 1,088.90	
Materials and Suppl.	1,360.38	2,449.28
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Main St. and East Main St. Resurfacing:		
Advertising	\$ 17.50	
Contract — Trahan Bros.	614.00	631.50
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Marsh Ave. Widening and Surfacing:		
Labor	\$ 114.40	
Equipment Hire	14.00	
Materials and Suppl.	119.66	248.06
North St. Resurfacing:		
Contract — F. J. Shields		10,096.00
Oakes Ave. and Main St. Reconstruction:		
Contract—Ciesla Bros.		8,593.50
Old Sturbridge Road Storm Drain:		
Advertising	\$ 18.38	
Contract—Ciesla Bros.	4,488.00	4,506.38
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Oliver St. Reconstruction:		
Contract—Ciesla Bros.		3,872.70
Parking Meter Maintenance:		
Worcester County Trust Company	\$ 630.40	
Parts, Materials and Supplies	52.75	

Coin Sorting and Counting Machine	786.08	1,469.23
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Poplar Street Drain:		
Labor	\$ 186.55	
Culvert	543.09	
Materials and Suppl.	681.36	
Man Holes and Catch Basin	135.40	
Equipment Hire	240.00	1,786.40
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Prospect Street Drain:		
Truck Hire		64.00
River Street Storm Drain:		
Labor	\$ 893.84	
Materials and Suppl.	794.31	1,688.15
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Roosevelt Drive Sewer Payment:		
Tower Enterprises, Inc.		1,608.00
South St. Reconstruction:		
Advertising	\$ 15.93	
Remove Trees	1,325.00	
Contract—Ciesla Bros.	35,645.63	36,986.56
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West St. School Re- taining Wall:		
Advertising	\$ 18.75	
Contract — Trahan Bros.	1,962.50	1,981.25
Westwood Hills Sewer Payment:		
Payment		105.00
Parking Meter Fees:		
M. H. Rhodes, Inc.	\$ 9,338.10	
First National Bank ..	995.65	10,333.75
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Town Hall Alterations and Repairs:		
Architect		285.18
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Total Special Projects		213,768.75

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Interest:

Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Revenue	\$ 2,007.03	
All Other	2.93	2,009.96

General Loans:

Eastford Rd. and West St. Schools	\$ 540.00	
Worcester St. Sewer ..	70.00	
South St. Paving	60.00	
No. Dist. Elementary School	490.00	1,160.00
		3,169.96

Municipal Indebtedness:

Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Revenue	\$300,000.00	
All Other	2,400.00	\$302,400.00

General Loans:

No. Dist. School	\$ 4,000.00	
Worcester St. Sewer	7,000.00	
South St. Paving	6,000.00	
Eastford Rd. and West St. Schools	6,000.00	23,000.00
		325,400.00

Total Interest and Maturing Debt	\$ 328,569.96
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AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Agency:

State Auditing Tax ..	\$ 1,246.93	
State Exam. of Retirement System	47.67	
State Parks and Reservation	2,689.84	3,984.44
County Tax	46,426.99	
County TB Hospital Tax	29,700.92	76,137.91
Dog Tax Fees Paid to County	1,864.25	
Wells High School Cafeteria	19,305.81	
School Athletic Fund	7,234.02	

Federal Withholding Tax	96,927.06	
Blue Cross	6,174.78	131,505.92

Trust and Investment:

Mabel Murphy Fund	\$ 40.20	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	500.00	
Ella Cole Fund	81.35	
Mary Mynott Fund	27.83	
U. S. War Bonds —		
Post War Rehab.—		
Interest Invested	3,375.00	
Pension and Retirement Fund and		
Military Leave	15,341.78	19,366.16

Total Agencies, Trust and Investment	\$ 230,994.43
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REFUNDS

Refunds:

Taxes and Demands	\$ 1,246.68	
M. V. Excise	1,920.02	
Plans and Bids	6,790.00	
Ambulance Charges	40.00	
Certified Check in		
Lieu of Bond—		
Durfee St. Sewer	1,700.00	11,696.70

Total Refund	\$ 11,696.70
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BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1952

ASSETS

Cash	\$467,771.55
Accounts Receivable:	
Taxes:	
Levy of 1952	\$ 38,338.70
Levy of 1951	3,328.91

Motor Vehicle Excise:	
Levy of 1952	41,667.61

Special Assessments:	
1952 Unapportioned	
Sewer	\$ 3,789.63
1952 Sewer Assessments added to Taxes	242.90
1952 Committed Sewer Assessment Int.	24.29
1952 Unapportioned Sidewalk Assess.	456.94

Tax Titles	\$ 1,533.42
Tax Possessions	2,413.12

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Temporary Loans:	
In Anticipation of Taxes	\$100,000.00
Parking Meter Fees	6,469.74
Insurance Loss	
Reimbursement	4,893.82

Overpayment by State:	
Veterans Benefits	49.00
Accounts Rec.	

Deposit on Plans and Bids	55.00
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Trust Fund Income:	
J. J. Angell Fund	\$ 31.27
Alexis Boyer, Jr., Fund	11.29
Ella M. Cole Fund	432.41
Mabel Murphy Fund	81.47
Mary Mynott Fund	20.63
Adah Stedman Fund	74.06

School Athlet. Fund	651.13
Federal Lunch Prog.	3,324.32
Sale of Land Account	447.94
	1,000.00

Departmental:			
Ambulance	\$ 832.50	Sale of Cemetery	870.00
Town Hall	50.00	Lots and Graves	110.55
Health	249.08	Road Machinery Rental	206.34
Highway	2,664.43		
Public Welfare	749.87	Overestimates—1952:	
Disability Assistance	88.07	County Tax	\$ 4,095.44
Aid to Dependent		County TB Hospital	
Children — State ..	4,459.97	Maintenance Tax	1,093.75
			5,189.19
Old Age Assistance—			
Cities and Towns	297.90	Federal Grants:	
Schools	1,107.79	Aid to Dependent	
Municipal Athletic		Children:	
Field	158.42	Administration	\$ 297.37
Cemetery	250.00	Aid	1,488.99
Airport Rental	1,000.00		
		Old Age Assistance:	
		Administration	\$ 3,244.90
		Aid	23,350.92
		Disability Assistance:	
		Administration	228.54
		Aid	62.45
			28,673.17
Aid to Highways:			
State	\$ 11,000.00		
County	6,000.00		
		Appropriation Balances:	
		Board of Appeals	\$ 204.60
		By Laws Revision	81.84
		Fire—Underground	
		Cable & Fire	
			535.96
Underestimates—1952:			
State Auditing Tax ..	\$ 356.46		
State Parks & Res-			
ervation Tax	179.50		

Overdrawn Account:

1952 Chapter 90

Maintenance \$2,000.00 2,000.00

Alarm Boxes	1,307.15
Cole Trade High School Heating Alterations	12,000.00
Library Alterations and Improvements	4,782.95
Airport Maint.	460.18
Cemetery Improvement Acct.	1,027.91
1952 Chapter 90 Construction	4,956.90
Civil Defense	1,259.18
Cliff St. Bridge	52.68
Eastford Rd. School Sidewalk	179.21
Elm St. Reconstruc. Foster St. Parking Lot Repairs	13,713.87
Foster St. Parking Lot Drain	944.70
Goddard St. Sidewalk Payment	3,319.75
Kingsley St. Sidewalk Purchase	360.00
Main & E. Main St. Resurfacing	350.00
Morris St. Extension	1,368.50
Morris St. Sidewalk	167.18
Porch Removal —	1,200.00

Morris St.	100.00
Oakes Ave. & Main St. Reconstruc.	2,406.50
Old Sturbridge Rd. Drain	2,493.62
Plimpton St. Sewer Payment	61.80
Poplar St. Drain	313.60
Prospect St. Drain ..	336.00
School Building & Architectural Survey	4,796.20
Sewage Disposal Plant	2,605.09
Swimming Pool — Litchfield Ave. Drain	1,000.00
Town Government Survey	171.06
Town Hall Alterations and Repairs	363.12
Westwood Parkway Resurfacing	103.94
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Sewer Assessment Reserve	16,243.93
Reserve Fund — Overlay Surplus ..	26,190.13

**Overlays Reserved
For Abatements:**

Levy of 1952	\$ 9,452.17	
Levy of 1951	3,328.91	
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		12,781.08

**Revenue Reserved Until
Collected:**

Motor Vehicle		
Excise	\$ 4,422.55	
Sewer Assessments	4,056.82	
Sidewalk Assess.	456.94	
Tax Title & Tax		
Possession	3,946.54	
Departmental	11,859.03	
Aid to Highways	17,000.00	
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		41,741.88

Excess and		
Deficiency		242,381.25
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		\$553,766.00
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SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES

	O'drawn Accounts 1-1-52	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Various Accounts	Balance Forw'ded to 1953	O'drawn Accounts 12-31-52
General Government:										
Moderator—Salary	60.00			60.00	60.00		60.00	2.80		
Moderator—Expense	10.00			10.00	7.20		7.20	83.00		
Finance Committee	100.00			100.00	17.00		17.00	113.19		
Selectmen—Salaries	3,990.00			3,990.00	3,876.81		3,876.81	34.22		
Selectmen—Expense	1,000.00			1,000.00	965.78		965.78	1.73		
Accountant—Salaries	4,966.00			4,966.00	4,964.27		4,964.27	68.87		
Accountant—Expense	500.00			500.00	431.13		431.13			
Accountant New Add. Mach.	270.00			270.00	270.00		270.00			
Treasurer—Salaries	4,705.00									
From Available Funds			500.00	5,205.00	5,204.79		5,204.79	21		
Treasurer—Expense	1,600.00									
By Refund			213.25	1,813.25	1,787.32		1,787.32	25.93		
Tax Collector—Salaries	5,270.00			5,270.00	5,224.25		5,224.25	45.75		
Tax Collector—Expense	2,400.00									
By Refund			20.00	2,420.00	2,337.65		2,337.65	82.35		
Town Collector—Salaries	550.00			550.00	544.88		544.88	5.12		
Town Collector—Expense	175.00			175.00	136.14		136.14	38.86		
Assessors—Salary	6,370.00									
By Reserve Fund			125.00	6,495.00	6,495.00		6,495.00			
Assessors—Expense	1,100.00			1,100.00	1,022.76		1,022.76	77.24		
Assessors—Travel Expense	300.00			300.00	264.12		264.12	35.88		
Assess.—Lg. Carriage Typewrit.	245.00			245.00	240.70		240.70	4.30		
Town Clerk—Salaries	2,688.00			2,688.00	2,688.00		2,688.00	60.66		
Town Clerk—Expense	650.00			650.00	589.34		589.34			
Elec. & Registr.—Salaries	550.00			550.00	550.00		550.00			
Elec. & Reg.—Election Expense	6,960.00									
By Reserve Fund			860.35	7,820.35	7,820.35		7,820.35	74.88		
Elec. & Reg.—Relisting Expense	2,000.00			2,000.00	1,925.12		1,925.12	56.45		
Elec. & Reg.—Spec. Elec. 3/14/52	805.00			805.00	748.55		748.55			

Law—Salary	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,599.95	1,599.95	.05
Law—Expense	300.00	300.00	290.48	290.48	9.52
Engineering—Salaries	14,530.00				
By Reserve Fund		500.00	14,549.94	14,549.94	480.06
Engineering Expense	1,425.00		1,338.80	1,338.80	86.20
Town Hall—Salary	2,884.00		2,884.00	2,884.00	
Town Hall—Expense	5,500.00		5,012.11	5,012.11	487.89
Planning Board	650.00				
By Refund		9.01			
Board of Appeals—Bal. from '51		204.60	518.32	518.32	140.69
Contrib., Retire. System	1,090.00		1,090.00	1,090.00	
By Laws Rev.—Bal. from '51		81.84			
Total General Government	75,243.00	2,514.05	75,454.76	75,454.76	2,015.85
Protection of Persons & Property:					
Police—Salaries	81,414.00		81,084.56	81,084.56	329.44
Police—Expense	8,921.00				
By Reserve Fund		300.00	8,983.24	8,983.24	237.76
Police—Fingerprint Ident. Equipment	400.00		350.79	350.79	49.21
Police—One Cruiser	1,900.00		1,891.05	1,891.05	8.95
Police—Building Repairs	500.00		498.43	498.43	1.57
Police—School Safety Patrol	250.00		249.22	249.22	.78
Auxiliary Police Equipment	700.00		685.77	685.77	14.23
Police—Officers Equipment	500.00		499.88	499.88	.12
Police—Park. Meter Div. Sal.	8,232.00		7,933.20	7,933.20	298.80
Police—Park. Met. Div. Exp.	1,500.00				
By Park. Met. Fees		2,500.00	3,894.77	3,894.77	105.23
Fire—Salaries	72,290.00		72,227.37	72,227.37	62.63
Fire—Expense	5,240.00		5,078.24	5,078.24	161.76
Fire—Out of State Travel	150.00		46.15	46.15	103.85
Fire—New Underground Cables and Fire Alarm Boxes	7,500.00				
By Reserve Fund		500.00			
Fire—Hose	1,850.00		6,692.85	6,692.85	1,307.15
Hydrants	20,800.00		1,841.87	1,841.87	8.13
			20,458.75	20,458.75	341.25

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

O'drawn Accounts 1-1-52	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Various Accounts to 1953	O'drawn Accounts 12-31-52
Forest Fire—Salaries	200.00		200.00	200.00		200.00		
Forest Fire—Expense	875.00					974.95	1.51	
By Excess & Deficiency		101.46	976.46	974.95		1,119.44	80.56	
Ambulance—Expense	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,119.44		4,807.98	192.02	
New Ambulance	5,000.00		5,000.00	4,807.98		650.00		
Ambulance—Resuscitator	650.00		650.00	650.00		1,300.00		
Sealer of Wts. & Meas.—Sal.	1,300.00		1,300.00	1,300.00		356.58	43.42	
Seal. of Wts. & Meas.—Exp.	400.00		400.00	356.58		1,999.93	.07	
Tree Warden	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,999.93		295.00		
Tree Warden—To Complete Tree Repair—Memorial Park	295.00		295.00	295.00		2,999.98	.02	
Dutch Elm Disease	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,999.98		400.00		
Moth Extermination	400.00		400.00	400.00		124.92	.08	
Animal Inspector—Salary	125.00		125.00	124.92		75.00		
Animal Inspector—Expense	75.00		75.00	75.00		400.00		
Building Inspector—Salary	400.00		400.00	400.00		100.00		
Building Inspector—Expense	100.00		100.00	100.00		400.00		
Wire Inspector—Salary	400.00		400.00	400.00		99.78	.22	
Wire Inspector—Expense	100.00		100.00	99.78		59.50	.50	
Wire Insp.—New Equip. Tester	60.00		60.00	59.50		499.75	.25	
Dog Officer	500.00		500.00	499.75		18,547.98	1,452.02	
Street Lighting	20,000.00		20,000.00	18,547.98		247,826.93	3,494.38	1,307.15
Total Prot. of Pers. & Property	249,227.00	3,401.46	252,628.46	247,826.93				
Health and Sanitation:								
Health—Salaries	9,915.00		9,915.00	9,749.78		9,749.78	165.22	
Health—Expense	500.00		500.00	499.96		499.96	.04	
Tuberculosis & Cont. Dis.	1,000.00							
By Reserve Fund		3,300.00	4,300.00	4,226.43		4,226.43	73.57	
Premature Births	1,000.00							

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

O'drawn Accounts 1-1-52	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Various Accounts	Balance Forw'ded Accounts to 1953	O'drawn Accounts 12-31-52
A. D. C.—Salaries	1,260.00		1,260.00	1,260.00		1,260.00			
A. D. C.—Expense By Refunds To Infirmary Expense	25,000.00	3.00	25,003.00	17,023.67	1,000.00	18,023.67	6,974.33		
O. A. A.—Salaries	6,500.00		6,500.00	6,500.00		6,500.00			
O. A. A.—Expense By Refunds	104,000.00	613.45	104,613.45	104,540.00		104,540.00	73.45		
A.D.C. Fed. Gr.—Sal. & Adm. Balance from 1951 From Comm. of Mass. To Gen. Rel. Salary		683.22 383.30	1,066.52	769.15		769.15		297.37	
A. D. C. Fd. Gr.—Expense Balance from 1951 By Refund From Comm. of Mass.		6,212.69 244.95 15,351.51	21,809.15	20,320.16		20,320.16		1,488.99	
O. A. A., Fed. Gr.—Sal. & Adm. Balance from 1951 From Comm. of Mass.		4,058.55 3,160.94	7,219.49	3,974.59		3,974.59		3,244.90	
O. A. A. Fed. Gr. Expense Balance from 1951 By Refund From Comm. of Mass. To O. A. A. Fed. Gr. Admin.		46,075.99 523.40 108,887.22	155,486.61	132,135.69		132,135.69		23,350.92	
Disability Ass't. Fed. Gr.—Sal. & Adm. From Comm. of Mass.		228.54	228.54					228.54	
Disab. Ass't. Fed. Gr.—Expense From Comm. of Mass.		3,943.22	3,943.22	3,880.77		3,880.77		62.45	

Infirmary—Salary By Refund	2,236.00	12.96	2,248.96	2,248.96	2,248.96
Infirmary—Expense By Various Accounts	8,500.00	1,101.69	9,601.69	9,592.40	9,592.40
Infirmary—Paint, House & Barn To Infirmary Expense	1,400.00		1,400.00	101.69	1,400.00
Veterans Benefits—Salary	1,240.00		1,240.00		1,240.00
Veterans Benefits—Expense By Refunds	22,000.00	108.00			
By Reserve Fund		3,300.00			
By Bur. Allow. to Vets. Organ & Sold. Bur. Acct.		803.00	26,211.00	26,210.60	.40
Soldiers Burials	400.00		400.00		
To Vets. Benefit Expense				67.00	333.00
Veterans Services—Salaries	3,626.00		3,626.00	3,626.00	
Veterans Services—Expense By Refund	500.00	26.70	526.70	525.51	1.19
Bur. Allow. to Vet's. Organ. To Vet's. Benefit Expense	500.00		500.00		
Maint. of Veterans Graves	450.00		450.00	30.00	470.00
				449.93	.07
Total Char. & Vet. Benefits	226,112.00	195,855.33	421,967.33	378,006.90	1,904.69
					379,911.59
					13,382.57
					28,673.17
Schools and Library:					
Schools—Salaries	414,372.61		414,372.61	411,095.24	3,277.37
School—Expense	93,650.50		93,650.50	93,644.70	5.80
School—Contingency Fund	5,000.00		5,000.00	4,996.45	3.55
Cole Trade Heat. Altera. By Reserve Fund		12,000.00	12,000.00		
Smith-Hughes Fund, from State		1,204.98	1,204.98	1,204.98	
Library—Salaries By Trust. J. Edw. Library	12,974.00	1,535.20	14,509.20	14,509.20	
					12,000.00
					1,204.98
					14,509.20

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

	O'drawn Accounts 1-1-52	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Various Accounts to 1953	O'drawn Accounts 12-31-52
Library—Expense By Refund	4,000.00	.88	4,000.88	3,999.97		3,999.97	.91	
Library—Altera. & Improve. Balance from 1951	1,000.00	4,098.37	5,098.37	315.42		315.42	4,782.95	
Total Schools & Library	530,997.11	18,839.43	549,836.54	529,765.96		529,765.96	3,287.63	16,782.95
Recreation and Unclassified:								
Parks	500.00		500.00	492.75		492.75	7.25	
Playgrounds	4,000.00		4,000.00	3,997.86		3,997.86	2.14	
W. W. Memorial Park By Refund	375.00							
Honor Roll	350.00	9.95	384.95	374.49		374.49	10.46	
Band Concerts	500.00		500.00	303.64		303.64	46.36	
Swimming Pool—Salaries	3,200.00		500.00	500.00		500.00		
Swimming Pool—Expense By Reserve Fund	650.00		3,200.00	3,185.51		3,185.51	14.49	
Dresser St. Field—Salaries	4,000.00	221.05	871.05	864.63		864.63	6.42	
Dresser. St. Fld.—Maint. & Impr.	2,500.00		4,000.00	3,999.33		3,999.33	.67	
Dresser St. Fld., Rep to Field	1,200.00		2,500.00	2,497.98		2,497.98	2.02	
Alumni Field—Salaries	500.00		1,200.00	1,199.10		1,199.10	.90	
Alumni Field—Expense	500.00		500.00	499.38		499.38	.62	
Henry St. Field—Salaries By Refund	500.00		500.00	499.12		499.12	.88	
Henry St. Field—Expense	500.00	3.45	503.45	503.42		503.42	.03	
Henry St. Fld.—New Constr., Extended Area	3,500.00		500.00	500.00		500.00		
			3,500.00	3,499.71		3,499.71	.29	

Henry St. Fld., New Constr. Level and Fill	500.00	466.88	500.00	499.63	499.63	.37	460.18
Airport Maint. Acct. Bal. from 1951			466.88	6.70	6.70		
Damage to Pers. & Prop. Balance from 1951	600.00	1,250.00	1,850.00	1,821.32	1,821.32	28.68	
Memorial Day	900.00		900.00	900.00	900.00		
Armistice Day	300.00		300.00	300.00	300.00		
Annual Reports	1,700.00		1,700.00	1,585.44	1,585.44	114.56	
Pensions—Non-Contrib.	8,000.00		8,000.00	7,603.08	7,603.08	396.92	
Insurance	19,500.00						
By Refund		2,639.02					
By Reserve Fund		1,000.00	23,139.02	23,005.70	23,005.70	133.32	
Town Clock	50.00		50.00	45.76	45.76	4.24	
Water and Ice	600.00		600.00	275.30	275.30	324.70	
Outstand. Bills of 1951	294.41						
By Available Funds		134.85	429.26	404.26	404.26	25.00	
Pension Accum. Fund	15,154.00		15,154.00	15,154.00	15,154.00		
Retirement System— Military Leave	187.78		187.78	187.78	187.78		
Total Recreation & Unclash.	70,561.19	5,725.20	76,286.39	74,705.89	74,705.89	1,120.32	460.18
Enterprised and Cemeteries:							
Oak Ridge Cemetery	4,500.00						
From Dividend		2,432.89					
By Reserve Fund		200.00	7,132.89	7,117.37	7,117.37	15.52	
Cemetery Improvem. Acct. Balance from 1951		1,273.47					
By Cem. Lots & Graves Sold		2,253.00	3,526.47	2,498.56	2,498.56		1,027.91
Total Cemetery	4,500.00	6,159.36	10,659.36	9,615.93	9,615.93	15.52	1,027.91

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

O'drawn Accounts 1-1-52	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Various Accounts	Balance Forw'ded to 1953	O'drawn Accounts 12-31-52
Special Accounts:									
Central Street Drain By Available Funds		750.00	750.00	621.77		621.77	128.23		
Central St. Reconstruction	5,000.00		5,000.00	4,973.00		4,973.00	27.00		
Chapin St. Reconstruction	9,500.00		9,500.00	8,779.48		8,779.48	720.52		
1952 Chap. 90 Construction Eastford Rd.	5,000.00		5,000.00	43.10		43.10			4,956.90
1951 Chap. 90 Construction Eastford Road									
Balance from 1951		740.98							
By Highway Aid Revenue		3,129.49	3,870.47	3,577.05		3,577.05	293.42		
Brook Clearing off Charlton	300.00		300.00	290.12		290.12	9.88		
Ciesla Bros.—Depos. in Lieu of Bond—Durfee St. Sewer		1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00		1,700.00			
Civil Defense	700.00								
Balance from 1951		1,983.34	2,683.34	1,424.16		1,424.16			1,259.18
Cliff Street Bridge									
Balance from 1951		475.12	475.12	422.44		422.44			52.68
Dennison Dr. Reconstr. Balance from 1951	4,000.00	4,605.50							
By Refund		14.62							
Dresser-Main St. Property Maintenance	400.00		8,620.12	8,613.92		8,613.92	6.20		
Durfee St. Sewer			400.00	395.00		395.00	5.00		
From S/A Reserve									
Eastford Rd. School Sidewalk		1,700.00	1,700.00	1,678.25		1,678.25	21.75		
1951 Balance		179.21	179.21						179.21

Elm St. Reconstruction						
1951 Balance	19,000.00					13,713.87
By Available Funds	24,400.00	43,400.00	29,686.13	29,686.13		
Elm Street Sewer						
Balance from 1951	11,000.00	11,000.00	7,212.75	7,212.75	3,787.25	
Foster Parking Lot Repairs						
1951 Balance	944.70	944.70				944.70
Foster St. Park. Lot Storm Drain						
Balance from 1951	3,319.75	3,319.75				3,319.75
Foster St. Reconstruction						
By Available Funds	11,000.00	11,000.00	8,132.15	8,132.15	2,867.85	
Globe Village Fire Station—						
Disabled Veterans	350.00	350.00	147.68	147.68	202.32	
Goddard St. Sidewalk Payment	679.75	679.75	319.75	319.75		360.00
Homestead Ave. & Center St. Drain,						
By Available Funds	150.00	150.00	120.00	120.00	30.00	
Hook & Central Sts. Land and Building Purchase	23,997.70					
By R. Niedermeyer	.30	23,998.00	23,998.00	23,998.00		
Kingsley St. Sidewalk Purchase						
Balance from 1951	350.00	350.00				350.00
F. X. Laliberte—Sew. Reimb.	633.53	633.53	633.53	633.53		
Lemire Post #6055, Lease By Refund	900.00	975.00	975.00	975.00		
Liberty St. Sidewalk						
Balance from 1951	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,396.71	1,396.71	3.29	
Lyons & Randolph St. Drain						
Main & East Main St. Resurf.	4,300.00	4,300.00	4,297.02	4,297.02	2.98	
By Reserve Fund						
Reinforcing Lining on Main Street Culvert	2,000.00	2,000.00	631.50	631.50		1,368.50
By Available Funds	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,123.00	4,123.00	877.00	

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

O'drawn Accounts 1-1-52	Approp.	Prev. Bal Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Various Accounts	Balance Forw'ded to 1953	O'drawn Accounts 12-31-52
Marsh Ave. Widen. & Surfac. By Available Funds		250.00	250.00	248.06		248.06	1.94		
Morris St. Curb. & Seal Coat	2,450.00		2,450.00	2,449.28		2,449.28	.72		
Morris St. Extensions Balance from 1951		167.18	167.18					167.18	
Morris Street Sidewalk Balance from 1951		1,200.00	1,200.00					1,200.00	
Porch Remov. Morris Street Balance from 1951		100.00	100.00					100.00	
North Street Resurfacing By Available Funds		14,000.00	14,000.00	10,096.00		10,096.00	3,904.00		
Oakes Ave. & Main St. Reconstr.	11,000.00		11,000.00	8,593.50		8,593.50		2,406.50	
Old Sturbridge Rd. Storm Drain By Available Funds		7,000.00	7,000.00	4,506.38		4,506.38		2,493.62	
Oliver St. Reconstruction	4,000.00		4,000.00	3,872.70		3,872.70	127.30		
Oliver Street Sidewalk Balance from 1951		181.29	181.29				181.29		
Parking Meter Collection— Counting Machine									
By Parking Meter Fees		810.00	810.00	786.08		786.08	23.92		
Parking Meter Maint. Acct. By Parking Meter Fees		750.00	750.00	683.15		683.15	66.85		
Plimpton St. Sewer Payment		61.80	61.80					61.80	
Poplar Street Drain	2,100.00		2,100.00	1,786.40		1,786.40		313.60	
Prospect Street Drain	400.00		400.00	64.00		64.00		336.00	
River St. Storm Drain Balance from 1951	1,500.00		1,697.52	1,688.15		1,688.15	9.37		

Roosevelt Dr. Sewer Paymt.	1,608.00	1,608.00	1,608.00	1,608.00	
School Build. & Architectural Survey					
Balance from 1951				15,203.80	4,796.20
Sewage Disposal Plant—Engineering Services	2,605.09	2,605.09			2,605.09
South Street Reconstruction By Available Funds	37,000.00	37,000.00	36,986.56		
Swimming Pool — Litchfield Avenue Drain	1,000.00	1,000.00			13.44
Town Government Survey					1,000.00
Balance from 1951	171.06	171.06			171.06
Town Hall Altera. & Repairs					
Balance from 1951	648.30	648.30	285.18		363.12
West St. School Retain. Wall					
Balance from 1951	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,918.25		18.75
Westwood Hills Sewer Paymt.	105.00	105.00	105.00		
Westwood Parkway Resurfacing					
Balance from 1951	103.94	103.94			103.94
Parking Meter Fees					
Balance from 1951	819.93				
Receipts	19,847.56	20,667.49	10,333.75	4,060.00	6,273.74
Total Special Accounts	55,926.28	225,829.38	281,755.66	215,468.75	48,896.64
Interest and Maturing Debt:					
Interest—Temporary Loans By Refund	2,200.00				
Interest—Fixed Debt	1,160.00	19.47	2,219.47	2,009.96	209.51
Maturing Debt	23,000.00		1,160.00	1,160.00	
Anticipation of Rev. Loans Issued in 1952			23,000.00	23,000.00	
	400,000.00		400,000.00	300,000.00	100,000.00

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

O'drawn Accounts 1-1-52	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Various Accounts	Balance Forw'ded to 1953	O'drawn Accounts 12-31-52
Anticipation of Highway Aid Balance from 1951		2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00		2,400.00			
Total Interest and Mat. Debt	26,360.00	402,419.47	428,779.47	328,569.96		328,569.96	209.51	100,000.00	
Agency, Trust and Investment:									
Federal Tax Deductions		96,927.06	96,927.06	96,927.06		96,927.06			
Depos. on Plans & Bids		6,790.00							
Balance from 1951		55.00	6,845.00	6,790.00		6,790.00		55.00	
Blue Cross		6,174.78	6,174.78	6,174.78		6,174.78			
Mabel Murphy Fund		55.00							
Balance from 1951		66.67	121.67	40.20		40.20		81.47	
Adah Stedman Fund		30.00							
Balance from 1951		44.06	74.06					74.06	
J. J. Angell Fund									
Balance from 1951		31.27	31.27					31.27	
Alexis Boyer, Jr., Fund									
Balance from 1951		11.29	11.29					11.29	
Ella M. Cole Fund									
Balance from 1951		435.01							
Fund Income		78.75	513.76	81.35		81.35		432.41	
Mary Mynott Fund									
Balance from 1951		20.96							
Fund Income		27.50	48.46	27.83		27.83		20.63	
Post War Rehabilitation Acct.									
Fund Income—Invested		3,375.00	3,375.00	3,375.00		3,375.00			

School Athletic Fund	1,000.00					
Balance from 1951	3,212.78					
Receipts	6,307.97					
By Refunds	37.59					
School Lunch Program		10,558.34	7,234.02			3,324.32
Balance from 1951	611.15					
From State	2,941.40					
Cafeteria Receipts	14,201.20	19,753.75	19,305.81		19,305.81	447.94
Dog Tax for County	1,864.25	1,864.25	1,864.25		1,864.25	
Cemetery Perpet. Care Bequests, Deposited	500.00	500.00	500.00		500.00	
State Tax						
Balance from 1951	46.00	46.00		46.00	46.00	
State Auditing Tax						
By 1952 Revenue	890.47	890.47	1,246.93		1,246.93	356.46
State Parks & Reservations Tax						
Balance from 1951	458.18					
By 1952 Revenue	2,510.34	2,968.52	2,689.84	458.18	3,148.02	179.50
To 1952 Revenue						
State Exam. of Retire. System						
By 1952 Revenue	47.67	47.67	47.67		47.67	
County Tax						
Balance from 1951	2,542.97					
By 1952 Revenue	50,532.43	53,075.40	46,436.99	2,542.97	48,979.96	4,095.44
To 1952 Revenue						
County T.B. Hospit. Maint. Tax						
By 1952 Revenue	32,656.41	32,656.41	29,700.92		29,700.92	1,093.75
County TB Hosp. Maint. Tax						
1,861.74						
Various Overpaym., Refunds	3,206.70	3,206.70	3,206.70		3,206.70	
Total, Agency,						
Trust, Inv. and Refunds						
1,861.74	3,000.00	236,689.86	239,689.86	225,649.35	3,047.15	228,696.50
						9,667.58
						535.96

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

	O'drawn Accounts 1-1-52	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Various Accounts	Balance Forw'ded to 1953	O'drawn Accounts 12-31-52
Recapitulation:										
General Government		75,243.00	2,514.05	77,757.05	75,454.76		75,454.76	2,015.85	286.44	
Protect. to Pers. & Prop.		249,227.00	3,401.46	252,628.46	247,826.93		247,826.93	3,494.38	1,307.15	
Health & Sanitation		29,513.00	4,300.00	33,813.00	32,739.65		32,739.65	1,073.35		
Highways		93,965.00	4,402.84	98,367.84	99,162.98	642.84	99,805.82	562.02		
Charities & Vet. Ben.		226,112.00	195,855.33	421,967.33	378,006.90	1,904.69	379,911.59	13,382.57	28,673.17	2,000.00
Schools & Library		530,997.11	18,839.43	549,836.54	529,765.96		529,765.96	3,287.63	16,782.95	
Recreation & Unclass.		70,561.19	5,725.20	76,286.39	74,705.89		74,705.89	1,120.32	460.18	
Cemeteries & Enterprises		4,500.00	6,159.36	10,659.36	9,615.93		9,615.93	15.52	1,027.91	
Special Accounts		55,926.28	225,829.38	281,755.66	215,468.75	4,060.00	219,528.75	13,330.27	48,896.64	
Interest and Maturing Debt		26,360.00	402,419.47	428,779.47	328,569.96		328,569.96	209.51	100,000.00	
Agency, Trust, Invest- ment and Refunds	1,861.74	3,000.00	236,689.86	239,689.86	225,649.35	3,047.15	228,696.50		9,667.58	535.96
Grand Total	1,861.74	1,365,404.58	1,106,136.38	2,471,540.96	2,216,967.06	9,654.68	2,226,621.74	38,491.42	207,102.02	2,535.96

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SOUTHBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

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SOUTHBRIDGE TYPESETTING COMPANY
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THE SOUTHBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1952 - 1953

Paul A. Roy, Chairman, 141 Everett Street	1954
Mrs. Frederic Beck, Vice-Chairman, 103 Eastford Road	1953
Mrs. Alexander Steen, Jr., 28 Maple Street	1955
Lorenzo J. Beaupre, 131 Central Street	1954
Eugene LeBlanc, 30 Forest Avenue	1953
Belmore St. Amant, 11 Edwards Street	1955

Meetings of School Committee

The regular meetings of the School Committee are held on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 P. M. in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Town Hall.

There are no regular meetings in July and August.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Robert H. McCarn. Residence: 17 Franklin Terrace, Tel 4-6936
Office: Town Hall, Tel. 4-4721

SECRETARIES

Margaret R. Connolly, 14 South Street	Tel. 4-6513
Gloria C. Ciukaj, 5 Roosevelt Drive	Tel. 4-8887

The Superintendent's office is open from Monday through Friday, from 8:30 A. M. to 12:00 Noon, and from 1:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M.

SCHOOL PHYSICIANS

Dr. William Langevin, 24 Everett Street	Tel. 4-7358
Dr. Adah B. Eccleston, 62 Elm Street	Tel. 4-8141

SCHOOL NURSE

Louise A. Pontbriand, 31 Newell Avenue (resigned)

Sylvia Laakso, 17 Coolidge Avenue (Substitute)

SCHOOL CALENDAR — 1953

Winter term, seven weeks	January 5-February 20
Spring term, seven weeks	March 2-April 17
Summer term, eight weeks	April 27-June 19
Fall term, fifteen weeks	September 9-December 18

NO-SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

The official No-School announcement for all schools will be given over Station WTAG at 7 A. M.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Expenditures

Salaries	\$411,095.24
Other Expenses (Including Transportation, Tuition, Medical Expenses, Textbooks, Supplies, Opera- tion and Maintenance of Plant, New Equipment, Maintenance of Equipment, Capital Outlay, etc.)	93,644.70
Playgrounds	3,997.86
Contingency Fund	4,996.45
Smith-Hughes Fund	1,204.98
Federal Lunch Program (Cafeteria)	2,000.00
General Athletic Fund	926.68
Balance on Hand Dec. 31, 1952	3,640.42

Reimbursements

State Aid for Schools (Chap. 70, as Amended 1948, Chap. 643)	\$ 98,373.92
Vocational School (Coop.) State Grant	1,395.22
Vocational School (Day) State Grant	30,334.62
Vocational School (Even.) State Grant	810.40
Household Arts—State Grant	2,906.01
Evening Practical Arts School	264.72
Worcester Evening Industrial and Practical Arts School	159.60
Worcester Apprenticeship School	
Springfield Trade High School	
Smith-Hughes U. S. Government Fund	1,204.98
High School Tuition	19,963.79
Elementary School Tuition	754.60
Vocational School Tuition	11,506.86

Cole Trade High—Eve. Sch. Tuition	361.60
Household Arts—High School Tuition	681.96
Cole Trade High School—Goods Sold	3.00
Teachers Retirement Board	497.34
Transportation (Charlton)	8.52
Transportation Vocational Pupils	68.90

Total Receipts Returned to Town Treasurer \$169,296.04

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

In Brief:

Total Expenditures	\$517,865.91
Total Receipts Returned to Town Treasurer	169,296.04

Net Cost to Town \$348,569.87

In Detail:

Receipts to School Department	
Appropriation	520,023.11
Smith-Hughes Fund, U. S. Gov't.	1,204.98
George-Barden Fund .....	.....

Total—Funds Available 521,228.09

EXPENDITURES:

General Control:

Salaries	12,524.36
Other Expenses	1,552.63

Total — General Control 14,076.99

Auxiliary Agencies:

Transportation	19,815.12
Tuition to other schools	455.33
Compulsory attendance	330.73
School Doctors	1,999.96
School Nurse	2,642.00
Medical Expenses	513.44

Total — Auxiliary Agencies 25,756.58

High School:

Instruction Salaries	95,665.80
Instruction Expenses:	
Textbooks	2,176.18
Supplies	3,465.77
Other Expenses	560.42
Operation of Plant	16,619.67

Maintenance of Plant	4,682.62	
Capital Outlay	2,690.57	
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Total — High School		125,861.03
Elementary Schools:		
Instruction Salaries	191,443.46	
Instruction Expenses:		
Textbooks	2,711.11	
Supplies	5,670.86	
Other Expenses	306.42	
Operation of Plant	30,924.10	
Maintenance of Plant	4,664.80	
Capital Outlay	2,311.16	
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Total —Elementary Schools		238,031.91
Vocational School:		
Instruction Salaries	65,360.58	
Instruction Expenses:		
Textbooks	437.34	
Supplies	3,464.11	
Other Expenses	391.64	
Operation of Plant	6,112.25	
Maintenance of Plant	5,061.01	
Capital Outlay	3,412.62	
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Total — Vocational School		84,239.55
Evening High School:		
Instruction Salaries	1,044.00	
Instruction Expenses:		
Supplies	128.87	
Operation of Plant	300.00	
Capital Outlay		
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Total — Evening High School		1,472.87
Elementary Evening School:		
Instruction Salaries	1,058.00	
Instruction Expenses	48.15	
Operation of Plant	150.00	
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Total — Elementary Evening School		1,256.15
Evening Vocational School:		
Instruction Salaries	2,482.00	
Instruction Expenses:		
Textbooks	20.29	
Supplies	437.80	

Operation of Plant	100.00	
Maintenance of Plant	59.81	
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Total — Evening Vocational School		3,099.90
Household Arts:		
Instruction Salaries	5,676.60	
Instruction Expenses:		
Supplies	369.22	
Other Expenses	25.85	
Maintenance of Plant	12.91	
Capital Outlay	639.64	
Textbooks	50.00	
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Total Household Arts		6,774.22
Industrial Arts:		
Instruction Salaries	1,405.34	
Instruction Expenses:		
Supplies	420.24	
Textbooks	47.60	
Maintenance of Plant	5.14	
Capital Outlay	26.88	
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Total — Industrial Arts		1,905.20
Domestic Science:		
Instruction Salaries	1,835.00	
Instruction Expenses — Supplies	247.49	
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Total Domestic Science		2,082.49
Visual Aids:		
Instruction Salaries	800.00	
Instruction Expenses:		
Supplies	555.27	
Maintenance of Plant	32.76	
Capital Outlay		
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Total — Visual Aids		1,388.03
Playgrounds:		
Instruction Salaries	2,955.00	
Instruction Expenses:		
Other Expenses	1,042.86	
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Total — Playgrounds		3,997.86
Cafeteria		2,000.00
Contingency Fund		4,996.45
Athletic Fund (General)		926.68
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Total Expenditures		\$517,865.91
Balance on Hand, Dec. 31, 1952		3,640.42

FINANCIAL REPORT SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Receipts

Appropriation	\$20,000.00
(Voted at Special Town Meeting held Nov. 20, 1951 to plan for School Building Program)	

Expenditures

At a meeting of the School Building Committee held March 20, 1952, it was voted to approve payment of the following bills:
Architect, George Sidebottom 10,000.00

(For developing preliminary plans of school building project. If and when the Town votes for the building project this amount is applicable to the total architectural fee of Mr. Sidebottom.)

Consultant, Dr. William Wilson	5,000.00
(It is also understood that if and when the Town votes in favor of constructing this project, Mr. Sidebottom will assume one-half of the consultant's fee or \$2,500.00.)	

Appraiser	175.00
Mimeograph Distributors	17.80
Ovila Proulx, (Janitor)	5.00
Romeo Cantara (Prints)	6.00

Total Expenditures	\$15,203.80
Balance, Dec. 31, 1952	\$ 4,796.20

ATHLETIC REPORT

Mary E. Wells High School

Balance on Hand January 1, 1952	\$2,691.40
Receipts January 1-December 31, 1952	4,892.12
Total Balance on Hand	\$7,583.52
Expenditures January 1-December 31, 1952	4,924.33
Balance December 31, 1952	\$2,659.19

Cole Trade High School

Balance on Hand January 1, 1952	\$ 243.14
Receipts January 1-December 31, 1952	1,470.94
Total Balance on Hand	\$1,714.08
Expenditures January 1-December 31, 1952	1,400.51
Balance December 31, 1952	\$ 313.57

ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE

October 1, 1951 (Girls)

Gr.	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Tot.
I		14	66	3	1													84
II			8	65	4	1												78
III				19	57	14	2											92
IV					26	47	7	2	1	1								84
V						21	40	6		1								68
VI							17	29	10	5	1	1						63
VII								16	43	15	7	4						85
VIII									14	21	12	6						53
IX									1	32	41	20	5					99
X											24	29	19	3				75
XI												21	33	6	3			63
XII													10	23	6	2		41
K'd'g- ten	16	66																82
Un- graded										1		2						3
Total	16	80	74	87	88	83	66	53	69	76	85	83	67	32	9	2	970*	

October 1, 1951 (Boys)

Gr.	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Tot.
I		14	50	5	2													71
II			16	59	8	3												86
III				16	58	16	3											93
IV					18	53	21	6										98
V						15	44	5	10	1								75
VI							11	27	18	6	6							68
VII								8	31	16	5	2						62
VIII									12	32	7	5						56
IX										11	24	11	1					47
X											14	25	15	2				56
XI												11	21	7	3			42
XII													17	32	9	2	1	61
K'd'g- ten	22	49																71
Un- graded								1	1	1	3	2						8
Total	22	63	66	80	86	87	79	47	72	67	59	56	54	41	12	2	1	894*

*Cole Trade High School not included.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Total Enrollment PUBLIC SCHOOLS	1,873
Total Enrollment NOTRE DAME	707
Total Enrollment STE. JEANNE D'ARC	301

Total Enrollment ST. MARY'S	234
Total Enrollment COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL (DAY)	175
Total Enrollment COLE TRADE HIGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL	15

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR 1952

To the School Committee and
Citizens of Southbridge, Massachusetts:

It is a pleasure to submit my third annual report as Superintendent of Schools for the year ending December 31, 1952.

The main purpose of this report is to acquaint you briefly but completely with the major aims, accomplishments, and activities of our school system at the present time. The school program involves many areas and departments of learning. The total educational development of every child is its main responsibility and objective. We should be concerned primarily and continually with the needs, interests, aptitudes, and abilities of youth. The nation's future depends upon their growth and development intellectually, socially, physically, and morally. The task of education for these ends is a colossal one. It cannot be fulfilled by administrators, teachers, or school personnel alone. It requires the untiring interest and enthusiastic support of every parent and citizen of this community.

It is hoped that through an analysis of this report there may result a clearer and more sympathetic understanding of the vast scope and importance of the work in which we are engaged. A true appreciation of our plans and problems will help us immensely to advance the cause of learning and education. All must admit that this is a vital need of our generation.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

You will observe in the Statistical Report that the enrollment in our schools has increased this year. It became necessary to transfer the eighth grades to the Mary E. Wells High School. Our grade schools now house grades one through seven which has relieved considerably the crowded situation in these elementary buildings. The largest first grade entered our schools in September 1952. Based on this year's census, the enrollment in our first grades will continue to decrease for the next five years at least. This will alleviate the overcrowded conditions in our elementary grades. The reverse is true, however, in our high school. The enrollment will steadily increase for the next ten years. Without counting tuition pupils from surrounding towns, the present enrollment at Mary E. Wells High School is 485. (This includes eighth grades). By 1962, there will be between 900 and 1,000 pupils seeking admission to this building.

BUILDING PROBLEM

It is quite evident that some future building program is definitely necessary. The enrollment trend quite clearly indicates the greatest need will be in the high or secondary school level.

The building problem involves not only overcrowded conditions, but also lack of adequate and suitable facilities for the administration of a sound and complete educational program for grades ten, eleven, and twelve. We lack gymnasium, auditorium facilities, libraries, laboratory and science rooms, lockers, lavatory and toilet rooms, storage space, music and art rooms, shop rooms, additional cafeteria space, administration rooms, teachers' rooms, etc. The Cole Trade School is also lacking in these same facilities and building expansion is recommended.

The kindergarten, now housed at Mechanic Street School, has an enrollment of approximately 170 pupils. These are divided into six groups. A majority of these youngsters have to be transported by bus from all parts of the town. This is a costly and hazardous procedure. A kindergarten should be located in each elementary building to solve this problem satisfactorily. Furthermore, the Mechanic Street School is quite dilapidated and has outlived its usefulness in many respects.

The School Committee is again reviewing and studying the total building problem in preparation for future presentation to the Town. H. U. Bail & Son, Contractors, are inspecting the Marcy Street School as well as the Mary E. Wells High School buildings to determine the present condition of these structures relative to the various phases of their construction; of facilities, such as roofs, foundations, stonemasonry, brick work, plumbing, heating, ventilating, lighting, interior painting and decorating, etc.

Present and future enrollments are also being studied and



A CURRICULUM CONFERENCE

charted. Before final determination is made as to the solution of the building problem, it seems essential that these facts and findings should be presented to all the various town officials, committees, citizen groups, parent-teacher associations, taxpayer associations, fraternal, social, and civic organizations of all kinds in the Town. A thorough understanding of the school building needs and problems must be realized by all the citizens of the community. In this way, a unification of plan and purpose will result in a solution that all or the vast majority may agree upon and support.

It is the responsibility of all citizens to help arrive at a true evaluation and appreciation of the existing School Building Problem, and of educational values in general, the critical needs, the type of school program desired, and the financial ability of the Town to provide such a program. This requires serious thought, discretion, and wise decision on the part of every adult in this community.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND REVISION

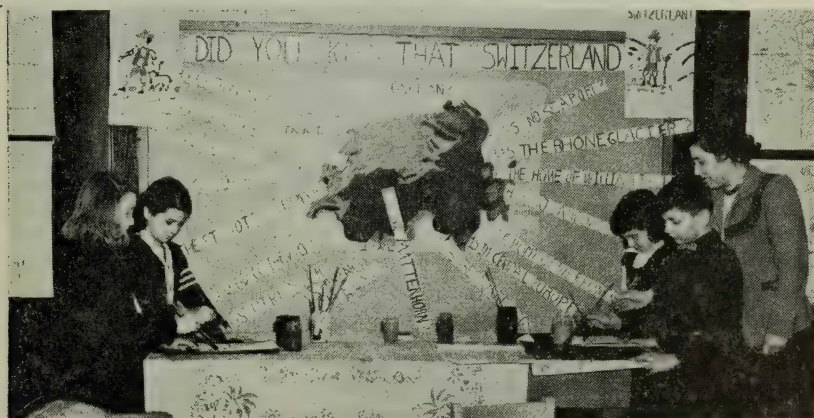
A new program in curriculum revision and development for the public schools is now in progress.

Conferences are held with teachers of each grade level or department of the entire system.

Teachers are encouraged to participate in planning the total school program as it affects the particular area of instruction in which they are engaged. They review the practices and principles of teaching in which they have had experience and training.

Policies Discussed

Particular problems and policies are discussed which are related to the daily routine of classroom activities. A thorough



SOCIAL STUDIES AND ART

study and review is made of course content and subject matter, instructional materials and equipment, methods and techniques of teaching, group and project work, time schedules and arrangement of programs.

There are many other pertinent topics which are called to the attention of teachers at these conferences such as guidance, music, art, physical education, audio-visual aids, selection of suitable textbooks, supplementary materials, etc.

Study Marking

A special study is being made at the present time by these various teacher groups of the method of marking pupils, report cards and grades. The most progressive communities in practically every part of the nation, are being contacted in order to become more fully and intelligently informed of the latest findings and research in endeavoring to effect a better solution to this very important problem and phase of school life.

Curriculum planning and revision of this kind should result in a more effective and improved system of education for the pupils of Southbridge.

GUIDANCE AND STUDENT DIRECTION

Our Guidance Department is being ably administered by Mr. William A. Julien, Director. It serves all students from



COUNSELING

kindergarten through elementary, high, and trade schools. There are various phases of this work which I will mention briefly and which are illustrated in this report.

Testing

- (1) Achievement tests
- (2) Intelligence tests
- (3) Mechanical and clerical aptitude tests

- (4) Interest tests
- (5) Cooperative tests

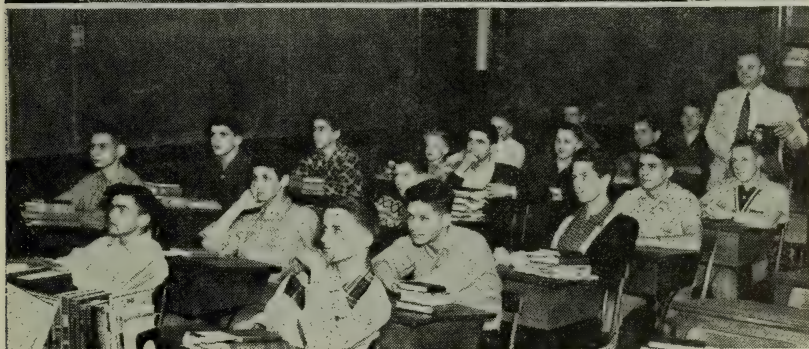
These tests are administered to pupils on different levels and in various areas of our school system.

Counseling

The Guidance Department provides individual counseling to assist students to discover and pursue those courses of study which offer them the greatest opportunities. Solution of personal problems is likewise an objective of this service. Specialists are also consulted in this counseling process.

Occupational Information and Group Guidance

Group Guidance classes are now being conducted this year in the high school for the purpose of exploring occupational fields of interest to help students understand themselves. A small library of texts and catalogues regarding occupational and educational opportunities is being made available to pupils. Field trips to industries and visits to professional schools are likewise encouraged.



GROUP GUIDANCE

Placement

Assisting in the development of an effective placement bureau designated to help students find employment is a function of this department also.

Follow-up

A contact is made with graduates to find out how they are progressing in college or whatever occupation they may be engaged in. Their needs and achievements provide valuable information for progress and improvement in the field of guidance.

ART

Art serves to enrich the entire elementary curriculum in much the same way that music does. It is an important part of living. Everyone has the right to learn how to use art and to understand and appreciate it.

Art, as an essential part of education, contributes to the full development of each child and to the community in which he lives. Few children in our elementary schools will ever become professional artists, but every child has potential powers of esthetic enjoyment and creative expression. Therefore, art is for all, not merely for the talented few.

The balanced art program in our elementary schools has been planned to contribute to the full development of each child, from the primary grades where he realizes the satisfaction of working with his own hands, to the realistic stage where he gets a feeling for design and ties his experiences to his work.

In the intermediate grades, work in design, painting, drawing, crafts, and appreciation give opportunities for creative expression to the average child as well as to the exceptionally talented. In the upper grades, more difficult problems are offered, including instruction in block printing, stenciling, the art of lettering with brush or lettering pen, advanced color harmony, design, and participation in poster contests.

Mary E. Wells High School offers an elective art course. This course is of great value to students who wish to further their studies in art. Students are given a thorough training in color theory, design, sketching, painting in water color and oils for advanced students, lay-out, black and white drawings for the school paper, three dimensional poster work, block-printing, stenciling, modeling, designing and painting scenery for school programs, decorations for school dances. A well-balanced course is offered which has proven very stimulating to many students, and which offers practical problems to the average and to the talented.

The Art Supervisor is Miss Claire J. Birtz.



BLOCK PRINTING — ADVANCED CLASS



PAINTING POSTERS



PAINTING SCENERY FOR OPERETTA



ADVANCED CLASS IN PAINTING IN OILS

MUSIC

Our school system now has two full-time music supervisors. Mr. Paul Sweet supervises instrumental music, and Miss Eleanor Van Etten is the director of vocal music. Music activities have been greatly expanded and made available to many more pupils than in former years. The time schedule has been so arranged at Mary E. Wells High School to permit four full periods of music per week for eighth graders as well as four periods per week for the high school glee club. Music activities in the grades have also been extended to include many additional opportunities for children to appreciate, enjoy, and create music.

BAND

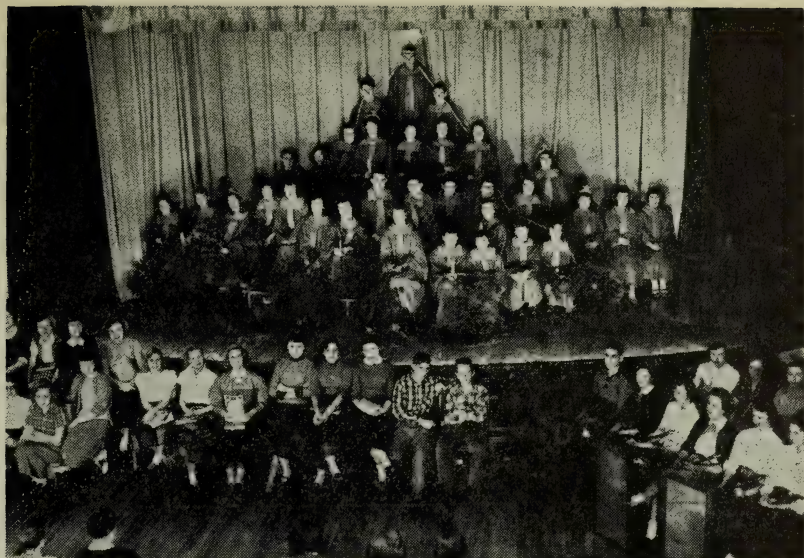
The Instrumental Music Department has had a busy year, the high school band having appeared in public performances forty times which included football games, basketball tournament at Amherst, local and out-of-town parades, the annual Music Festival, as well as high school football rallies and assemblies.

Recognition for the band has been gained by having several of its members invited to play with the All State Band, All State Orchestra, and the N. E. Festival Band and Orchestra. Four of its members were selected for the Band of New England composed of 250 high school musicians drawn from the six N. E. states and under the direction of famous bandmaster Paul Lavall when it performed at the Boston Arena before a record crowd of 15,000 persons.

The Junior Band is also a going organization. It displayed its talents at two elementary schools for Christmas Programs and is now preparing to take part in forthcoming Music Festival and the annual Memorial Day Parade.

GLEE CLUB

In September 1952, a High School Glee Club of about seventy-five voices was organized in two sections with almost identical membership in each section. The Glee Club sang in December for the Y. M. C. A. Women's Auxiliary and at Parents' Night at the High School. It has several invitations to sing this Spring. At Christmas about half the members sang in their red robes, standing in Christmas tree formation, carrying balsam boughs and decorated with stars and candlelight. The other members assisted from the floor of the auditorium with choruses, solos, and duets.



CHRISTMAS MUSICALE



MARY E. WELLS BAND



**INDIVIDUAL
INSTRUCTION**



GROUP INSTRUCTION IN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Our program has been organized to include all the students in our elementary schools plus the entire student body of our Trade School. Calisthenics, games and relays, and recreational sports are emphasized in this program for grades 6, 7, and Trade School. Each student, in these levels, averages one hour of physical education per week. The program offered is flexible in order to provide a wide range of activities for the many interests and needs of students.

A closely supervised program has been organized for grades 1-5 inclusive. This program has been designed to provide students opportunities to learn basic skills, to develop good health and safety habits, to encourage leadership and good sportsmanship. This particular program has been divided into three levels. Level one includes a program for grades 1 and 2. Grades 3 and 4 are included in level two. Level three offers a program for grade 5.

Each program is planned and organized by the Director and submitted to each classroom teacher at each level. The teachers conduct these programs during the recess and physical education program. Approximately 30 minutes a day is given to this program. A definite time schedule has been introduced to allow maximum use of areas, facilities, and equipment, and to insure safe participation for all students.

Play Demonstration Days were held in all elementary schools during the month of June, and many parents attended.

AFTER-SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAM

This program has become very popular, for most students have participated in the past year. Touch football, basketball, and handball were for the boys. The girls played basketball and softball. The competition between schools has been more keen and balanced. All the students participating in these activities are properly supervised by their coaches. All teams are properly clothed. Practices and games were held in the elementary school gyms and playgrounds.

The Director of Physical Education is Dr. Lewis A. Kyrios.



FORWARD MARCH!
6th AND 7th GRADES



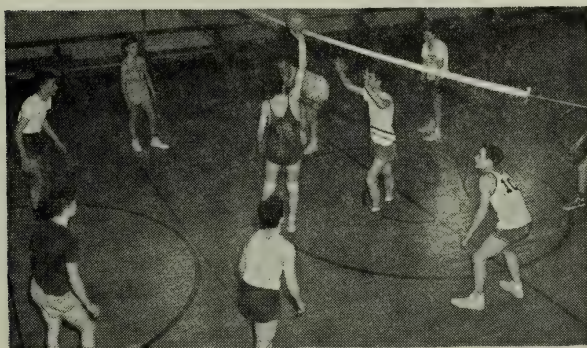
CALISTHENICS
6th AND 7th GRADES



FREE PLAY — GRADE II



SUPERVISED PLAY — GRADE I



**DEVELOPING SKILL IN
PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

HEALTH

A pre-school clinic is held annually for registration of children entering school for the first time.

Physical Examinations

Six hundred and thirty-eight pupils were examined. One hundred defects were found and notices were mailed to parents. Minor physical defects were marked as observation cases on the health cards. The nature of the defects found and reported for immediate attention were as follows: teeth, throat, feet, skin, scalp, heart, posture, ears.

Vision Test

Seven hundred and twenty-one pupils were given the Massachusetts Vision Test. Notices of defects requiring attention by an eye specialist were sent to parents of seventy-two pupils who failed this test.

Dental Clinic

Two hundred and sixty-seven pupils of the first four grades attended the Dental Clinic held at the Town Hall under the supervision of the Board of Health.

The Lions Club furnished milk for seventy-two children in our schools.

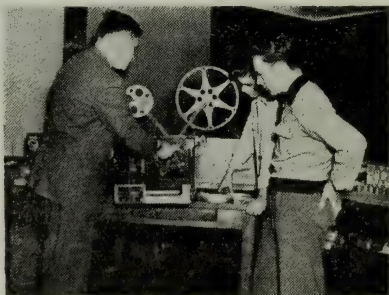
Clear Type Books were obtained from the Massachusetts Division of the Blind in Boston for two of our pupils in the public grammar schools.

Home Visits

Following up the physical examinations and cases referred by teachers and principals, several home visits were made.



HEALTH EXAMINATION



**VISUAL AIDS DIRECTOR
AND PROJECTIONISTS**

Pupils were referred to various clinics, such as speech, lip-reading, etc.

Diphtheria Toxoid Clinics are also held about four times a year.

During the school year, an observation of children is made in order to determine those eligible for the Sterling Health Camp.

Mrs. Louise Pontbriand served as School Nurse until October 1952, when she was relieved by Mrs. Sylvia Laakso who substituted for the remainder of the year.

AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS

The educational film received the most emphasis in audio-visual instruction during 1952. A total of 185 films were used in the following separate programs: Elementary, High School, Trade School, and Guidance. Each film used was carefully selected by teacher committees and individual teachers in conference with the director.

In order to help teachers realize the full educational potentialities of the teaching film, the Department has recently provided a "Teachers' Guide" to accompany each film now used in the school system. Since this guide helps the teacher to familiarize herself with film content, methods and techniques of use and follow-up activities, we may expect a more closely integrated and more functional film program in the future.

New Equipment and Materials

The services of the Department were further extended during the latter part of the year by the purchase of much needed equipment and materials. One 3-speed playback machine, two Spencer 300-watt filmstrip projectors, and 215 filmstrips were added to the Department.

The purchase of the new filmstrips means, in actuality, an entirely new service to teachers. To facilitate the use of these aids and to insure better integration, all filmstrips were catalogued according to curriculum subject areas, and a complete catalog was issued to every teacher.

The Director of Audio-Visual Aids is Mr. Edward J. Desroches.

IMPROVEMENTS IN BUSINESS EDUCATION

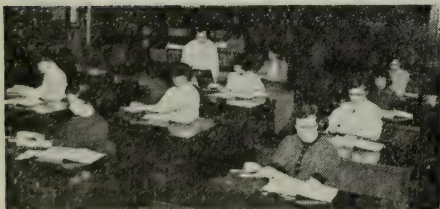
The school authorities are endeavoring to modernize the office equipment in the Commercial Department, keeping pace with trends in schools of comparable size. The Rexograph and the IBM electric typewriter have been added to the Office Practice Room.

The Rexograph is a liquid duplicating machine, which produces work with a minimum of expense. It is especially efficient for jobs of limited quantity. The Mimeograph, more expensive to operate, is still used for the larger quantity runs. Because the Rexograph is operated so easily, a great many teachers are running off their own assignment sheets and tests, thereby increasing the efficiency of their class work. Of course, students are getting training on this machine as a part of their regular Office Practice course.

The students in the Office Practice course become acquainted with the new IBM electric typewriter, which has a touch different from the regular standard typewriter. This IBM has potentialities for a far greater amount of speed than the regular standard typewriter.

The Typewriting room has been painted with attractive pastel colors, and a new set of sturdy typing chairs are a welcome addition to the room. Approximately 225 students are learning to operate the forty Royal, Underwood, and L. C. Smith typewriters daily. The pleasant atmosphere created by the newly decorated room is conducive to good results in the development of the typing skill.

There are seventeen Comptometers with full classes making daily use of these valuable machines.. There is a great demand from industry for this skill, and the course attempts to meet the demand with the time allowed for it.



COMPTOMETRY

**OFFICE
MACHINE
PRACTICE
—
NEW
REXOGRAPH**



**USING THE
ELECTRIC
TYPEWRITER**

HIGH SCHOOL

HOMEMAKING

To teach Homemaking in 1953 with 1923 equipment is most unsatisfactory to teachers and students alike.

In September 1950, a long range program of improvement was set up and much has been accomplished.

Kitchen

The kitchen, where we were teaching with the original 1920 small gas burners, was given first attention. The walls were painted a light color; two complete unit kitchens were installed, one gas and one electric; a fine large metal cabinet to serve as a pantry was placed at one corner of the room.

The old work desks were cleaned and painted by the students to make work tables which the girls in groups of four, use.

The electric kitchen unit contains a garbage disposal unit, which is most necessary, and a dish washing machine, the joy of every girl. No more excuse for being late to the next class "because we had to do the dishes." Many girls have electric stoves at home so more than appreciate having one in the department.

The old pantry repainted with cheery yellow paint is now a storeroom.

Sewing Room

Between the old dining room and sewing room, an archway has been made by removing a part of a partition giving a much lighter, larger, and better ventilated room.

One of the old bookcases from the dining room was placed in the storeroom, making an excellent place for sewing boxes. The placing of this bookcase was a master carpenter job. The sewing room is painted a soft blue, easy on the eyes. We have the finest lighting system of any schoolroom in town and plenty of sewing machines, so girls do not waste time waiting for their turns.

Living Room

September 1952 brought us two more rooms to improve the Homemaking Department — a small room which we use as a press room; a library for girls to work in as they wish, and best of all, a living room! This room is decorated in soft rose and green. The girls made the draperies and re-covered three chairs. The girls take nice care of the new pieces of modern furniture and use them as they would in their own home.

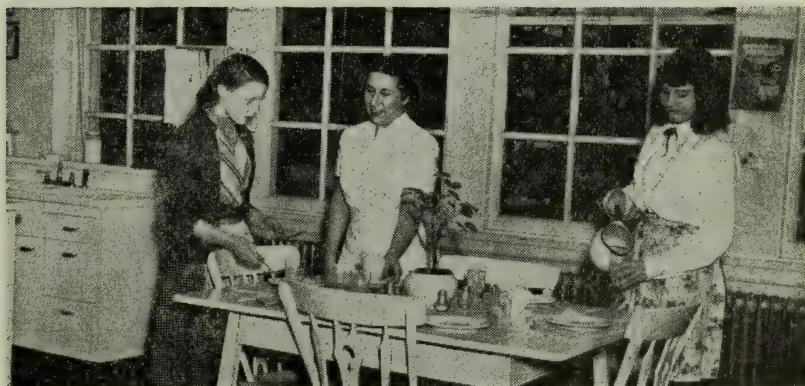
The Homemaking Department is conducted by Miss Luise B. Corbin and Mrs. Barbara Kyrios.



COOKING WITH GAS — HOMEMAKING



USING ELECTRICITY — PREPARING GRIDDLE CAKES



BREAKFAST IS READY!



SOPHOMORE HOMEMAKERS IN NEW LIVING ROOM



NIMBLE FINGERS



PRESSING

HIGH SCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SPEECH ACTIVITIES

Learning to speak well should be an objective of any well-organized school system today. Radio and television have increased the need for emphasis upon the art of speaking correctly and effectively.

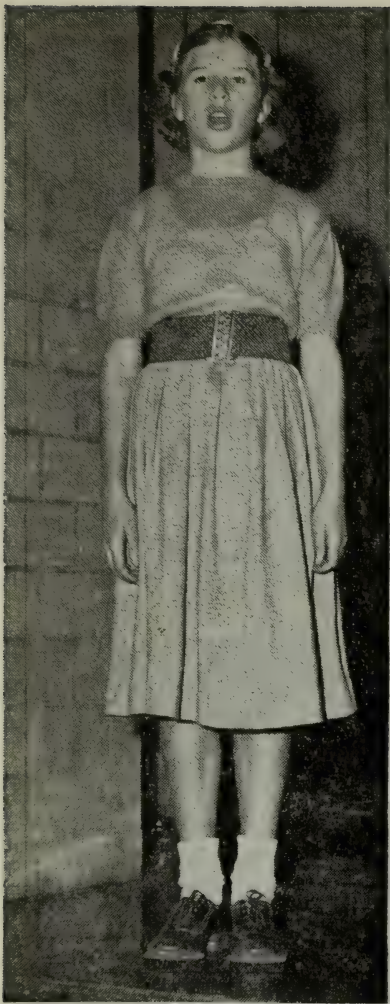
Our educational program has been expanded to include a variety of speech activities in practically every grade level. It is a desired goal to have as many pupils as possible actively take part in some type of speech activity.

Demonstrations are planned annually and presented for the benefit and appraisal of the public.

In the field of dramatics, each class at Mary E. Wells High School performed very capably. There were four one-act plays, one sponsored by each class; a Senior three-act play, a Junior three-act play. For the first time, Mary E. Wells entered the State one-act play contest, winning the regional contest at Northampton, and then traveling on to take part in the final contest at Andover. The cast made a very favorable impression and were rated highly by the judges.



DRAMATICS — ONE-ACT PLAY



A DECLAMATION!

CHORAL READING



Debating and Oratory is also encouraged as part of the high school speech program.

In grades 5, 6, 7, and 8, speech activities include dramatics, one-act plays, declamations, choral reading, musical readings, etc. This has proved to be a very beneficial program to a large number of pupils on practically every grade level.

HIGH SCHOOL

CONVERSATIONAL FRENCH

We are living in an era where the understanding of other nations is an absolute necessity if peace is to survive, and since the United States of America is called upon to take up the leadership of a shrunken world, it behooves school systems to train pupils to become as nearly bilingual as possible. With this in mind, a course in conversational French is offered this year. We hope to train pupils to communicate their ideas and thoughts in French by getting "the feel" of the language.

The course is designed for the pupils who do not speak French. The direct method is used. The instructor has a French background, speaks French fluently, and therefore, the course is conducted nearly entirely in French — English is almost banished from the class.

The media used are: a recording machine with French records; the tape recorder — an aid in speech corrections; the reading of simple French stories; dramatizations; French songs. Pupils are encouraged to converse in French among themselves; to listen and report on broadcasts, and to read some French from French newspapers and periodicals. No attempt is made to prepare pupils for college credit. Our effort is spent on the oral and aural attainment in the language. Thus, we hope to attain our objectives.

This course is conducted by Miss Pauline Aucoin.



PARLEZ-VOUS FRANÇAIS?

CAFETERIA

The school lunch program has an objective to serve a balanced hot lunch at a low cost to those pupils who cannot go home for lunch at noon. Under this plan, we try to provide adequate lunches to children in schools thereby strengthening their nutritional status.

During this past year, there has been additional equipment to the cafeteria including a 17-inch heavy duty double boiler, a large toastmaster, and an electric mixer. We expect the installation of an automatic dishwasher in the near future.

There is an average of about 640 students using the facilities of the cafeteria each day.

Two types of lunches are served: Plan A which includes a main dish, sandwiches of some sort, a ½-pint bottle of white milk, a dessert either fruit or a sweet dessert for variety. In this lunch, the basic requirements for protein, carbohydrates and vitamins are attained. Type C lunch is a supplement lunch where the students bring a sandwich from home and buy milk and ice cream to go with it.

Free Lunches

Children who are not financially able to buy a lunch are given a free one in order to maintain our nutritional standards for bettering the children of our community. Many of these pupils are given jobs in the cafeteria in payment for their free lunch. There was a total of 2,479 free lunches served last year.

Hot Lunches

During this past year, 35,309 hot lunches were served and 37,569 supplement lunches were distributed. There are four high school lunch periods and one period to accommodate the pupils of Marcy Street School, who average fifty hot lunches per day. Our facilities are limited as far as space is concerned during these lunch recesses.

At the close of this year, we have a financial balance of \$517.94 with all bills paid. Incidentally, each student pays 25 cents for a lunch which includes milk.

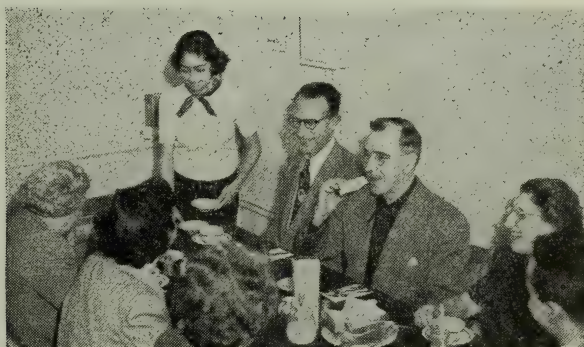
Miss Margaret Tracy is Supervisor of the Cafeteria.



HOT LUNCHESES



SUPERVISOR AND ASSISTANTS



TEACHERS' DINING ROOM

NEW SCHOOL PAPER

One of the newer activities inaugurated this year at the Mary E. Wells High School was the publication of a school paper known as the Wells' Hi-Lights. This is under the direction of Mr. Laakso. This has proved to be a very popular extra-curricular activity and has attracted the attention and interest of many students.



WELLS HI-LIGHTS

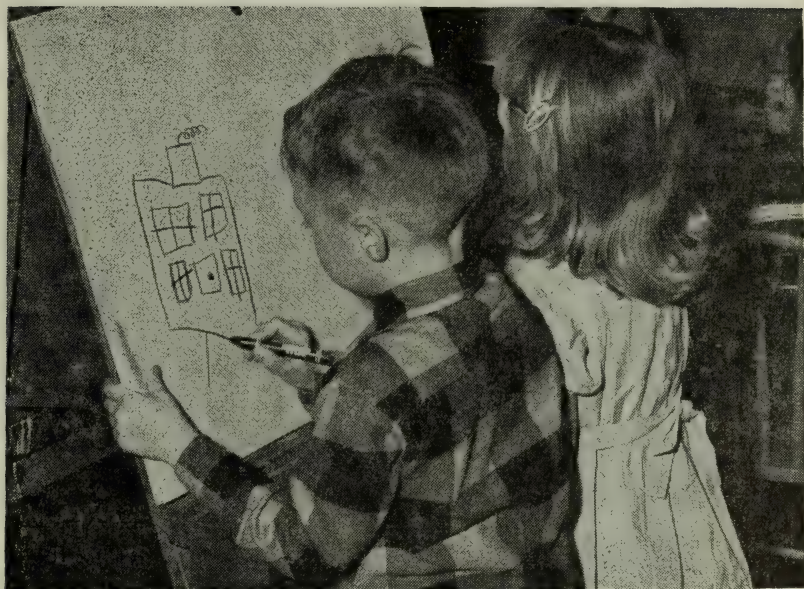
RINEHART HANDWRITING SYSTEM

Legible handwriting is a need which cannot be disregarded. The Rinehart System was again instituted this year, and improvement has already been noted.



RINEHART SYSTEM

Serious Business!



KINDERGARTEN

The registration of kindergarten pupils has increased considerably in the last two years. We now have nearly 170 children in attendance. The kindergarten is located at the Mechanic Street School, and a majority of these youngsters are conveyed by bus from all sections of the town to the school. Orientation in school life is provided for these pupils which makes for a very beneficial and worthwhile program.

SAFETY

Safety Education has become a very vital concern of the School Department. We have endeavored to integrate this into the curriculum together with our studies of health, science, and physical education.

Safety Patrol is carefully organized in each school for traffic control before and after school dismissal.

Gratitude and appreciation should be extended to Chief Ovide Desrosier, Officers Sylvio Bachand and Leo MacDonald of the Police Department for their constant cooperation in helping to organize and direct the Safety Patrol. They merit the praise of every parent in Southbridge.



SAFETY FIRST

TRANSPORTATION

The total number of pupils transported daily by bus is 651. There are seven buses used for this purpose. These buses travel 207.8 miles per day. Forty-six pupils are conveyed by taxis for those who live in locations too far removed from the bus routes.

Privilege to ride is granted to kindergarten children who live three-quarters of a mile or more from school, to pupils attending grades 1-4 who live one mile from school, to students attending grades 5-12 who live one and one-half miles away.



WAITING FOR BUS PUPILS



GIRL SCOUTS MAKE GOOD PUPILS

WELLS HIGH GRADUATES

One hundred and two pupils were graduated on June 19, 1952 and their names and courses completed by them are included in this report for the information of interested citizens.

Academic

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| **Joyce Ann Baker | Dorothy Gloria LaRochelle |
| *Charlotte Elfrida Beck | Phyllis Renette LaRochelle |
| *Richard Mitchel Bedard | **Pauline Ann LeClair |
| **Karol John Chester Bialy | *Robert Joseph Mageau |
| *Helena Urania Byman | **Patricia Mary Mannis |
| *Robert Aime Chagnon | *Elizabeth Jean Martin |
| Judith Ann Dandurand | **William James McIntyre |
| *Norman Eugene Demers | *Suzanne Myra Metras |
| **Charles Archibald Ellis, Jr. | Clarence Joseph Montigny |
| Carol Sara Fitzpatrick | *Jean Paul Montigny |
| *Robert Bruce Fletcher | Pavlo Kosta Perikli |
| *Adrian Armand Gaucher, Jr. | **Donald Leonard Rawson |
| **Vasil Alex George | Nancy Joan Rowett |
| **Marilyn Elaine Grandone | Janet Carolyn Santo |
| **Therese Marguerite M. Hebert | **Helen Ann Schneider |
| **Barbara Chin Hong | **William Bradford Schultz, Jr. |
| **Patricia Ann Johnson | *Virginia May Skladzien |
| **Philip Cowling Kimball | *Shirley Ann Turner |
| **Richard Alan John Knowles | *Roland Albert Varin |
| Philip Joseph Kozyra | Edward Joseph Walsh |
| | *Joan Bradley Zierold |

Commercial

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Judith Anne Benoit | **Maria Yolanda Guardiani |
| Real Arthur Benoit | Ruby June Jolin |
| *Eugene Louis Blais | *Charles Edward Jourdenais, Jr. |
| **Alice Mary Bradley | *Nancy Clemence Joy |
| **Barbara Phyrne Butler | *Anothony Joseph Kwiatkowski |
| **Mary Elizabeth Butler | *Edith Lachapelle |
| Evelyn Mary Cabana | Marie Ange Louise Lafleche |
| **Jeannine Theresa Casavant | *James Lemerlin |
| Barbara Ann Chapdelaine | *Clara Ludwin |
| Patricia Ann Curran | Rosa Irene MacDonald |
| *Alice Nina Cutler | *Richard David Marinelli |
| Elsa Jo-Ann DiGregorio | *Jeanne Lillian Metras |
| *Patricia Diane DuMais | **Viola Michael |
| **Geraldine Rosa Duquette | **Shirley Ann Montigny |
| **Bernice Joan Fallon | **Jean Andrea Nichols |
| *Shirley Anne Fish | Jean Carol Paulin |
| Harry Fontana | Lazarraq Lazo Petro |
| Sarah Ann French | |
| *Dorothy Ann Gaudette | |

*Dorothy Louise Russell
 Jean Lea Salva
 Barbara Ann Shepard
 *Theresa Adah Silvestri
 Irene Marion Szczygiel

*Lucille Juliet Vallee
 Arthur Humphrey
 Woolhouse, Jr.
 Doris Marie Young

Civic-Social

*Marjorie Helen Benson
 Homer George Bonin
 Jean Ruth Cournoyer
 *Hugo Vincent DeAngelis

*Charlotte Mary Mattimore
 *Rosemary McKay
 Richard Paul Sheldon
 **Marilyn Monica Sullivan

Homemaking

Doris Charlotte Horton

Sally Ann Saunders

Special Students

Gerald Lee Benoit	Civic-Social
*Rita Barbara Damian	Commercial
*Robert Omer Guillet	Academic
Richard Evelyn Sullivan	Academic

*General Average of 80% or above for four years.

**Members of the National Honor Society.

The College Preparatory Course prepares students for all leading universities and colleges in the country. Many of the pupils receive large scholarships, a tribute to their own industry and a tribute to the excellent instruction of their teachers. Students from this course have entered such leading institutions as: Cornell, Brown University, Tufts, Dartmouth, University of Massachusetts, Boston University, The College of the Holy Cross, University of Michigan, Clark University, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard University, Smith College, Mt. Holyoke, Wellesley College, Simmons College, Columbia University, University of Connecticut, University of New Hampshire, Williams College, Colorado College, Ohio State University, The College of New Rochelle, California Institute of Technology, Georgia Institute of Technology, Pennsylvania State, Northeastern University, plus most of the leading business colleges and nursing schools.

The eighth grades of the school system are housed in the high school building. The pupils receive the program opportunities of the high school and are eligible for all high school activities, including sports.

COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

Progress continues to be made at Cole Trade High School in developing good craftsmen. Much needed and expensive equipment has been approved and purchased by the School Department in order to provide modern and necessary tools of instruction.

According to Director Raymond L. W. Benoit, the faculty has completed their part in the Lincoln and Therese Filene Foundation survey. The purpose of this report is to show the need of training people in the industrial field.

"Our part in this research brought out the following statistics:

1. Number of companies surveyed	30
2. Number of skilled workers employed	1,071
3. Number of new skilled workers needed annually	166

It would appear that if industry's apprentice programs will take care of 25% of these needs plus our own contribution in terms of graduates, which represents approximately 30% of the needs, there will remain a difference of 45% of the need which must be met if industry is to be supplied with an adequate number of trained people.

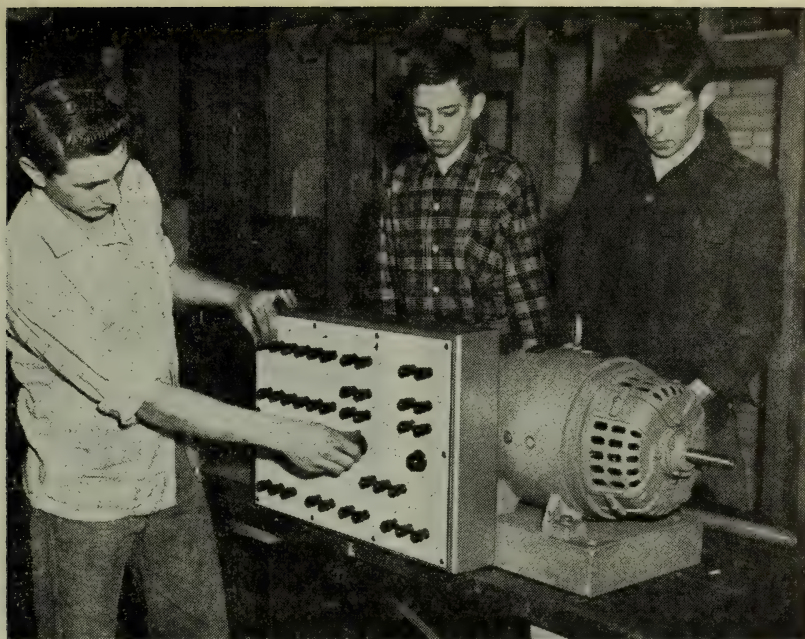
One of the larger companies has been forced to import from the State of Connecticut some trained people as a means of remedying this situation. It seems a pity that more local boys do not take advantage of trade training and assure themselves of employment in a lucrative field."

NEW EQUIPMENT FOR COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

New Motor Generator Set

The Electrical Department is very proud of the addition of the new Flexlab Equipment. This is an experimental Motor-Generator set with Auxiliary Control Equipment. This unit may be used to operate and demonstrate many operating conditions and connections, such as: Compound Wound Generator, Frequency Changer, Rotary Converter, Series and Shunt Generator or Motor; Single, Three or Six-Phase Alternator; Induction, Slipring or Synchronous Motors as well as control for the above machines.

The cost of \$1800 for this equipment was very well spent and a valuable asset to our Electrical education.



NEW MOTOR GENERATOR SET

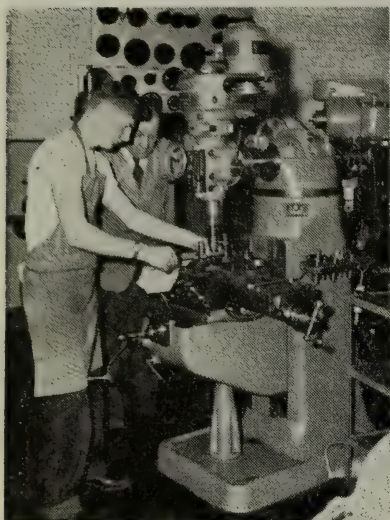
Bridgeport Miller

This is a new machine which has been needed for a long time. This Miller is used with small cutters, end mills, drills, boring tools, etc. The tools may be set at a vertical position, a horizontal position, or any angle between the vertical and horizontal. A very wide range of work may be done on this machine, such as: key-seating, die-sinking and other operations of similar nature. The machine is equipped with a slotting head with a wide range of uses and may be set to any angle and different lengths of stroke for slotting, internal keyways, splines and cutting out various shapes. We are very proud of this machine and only the best boys who have had two years or more training are allowed to use this machine and the accessories are not allowed to be used on the older machines.

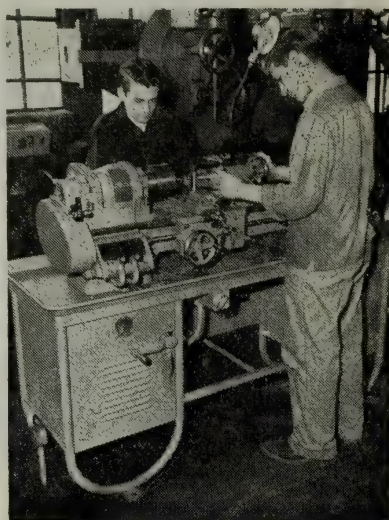
South Bend Lathe

This machine is the latest Quick Change, motor driven, back gear lathe with automatic longitudinal and cross-feeds. This machine has with it a four-jaw chuck, follow-rest and steadyrest. We use the spring collets from our old South Bend Lathe with this machine. This machine is used by the boys of the Day Machine Department, the Freshmen in the Drafting Department who have one year of machine shop practice, and also the members of the Evening School Class. The machine

is very good for small turning, boring, thread chasing, polishing and screw cutting. Only those boys who have shown that they have respect for and give the tools and equipment good care are allowed to use this machine.



BRIDGEPORT MILLER



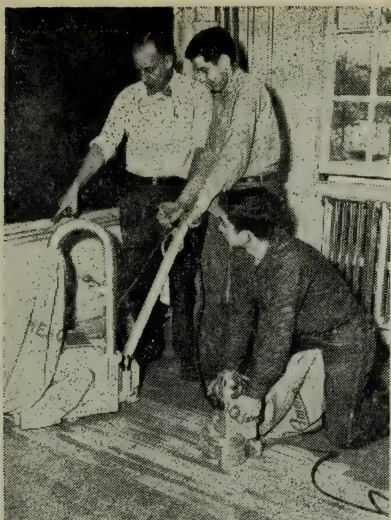
SOUTH BEND LATHE

Floor Sander and Edger

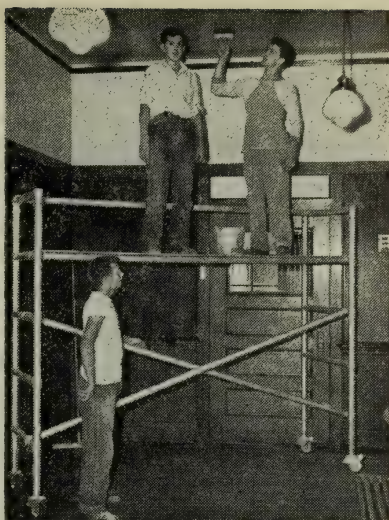
The purchase of a floor sanding machine and edger allows us to train boys in its operation and use. The value of this equipment is greatly enhanced because of the many hardwood floors in our school buildings. Cleanly sanded and finished floors are now an integral part of our school building maintenance program.

Aluminum Scaffolding

The purchase of telescoping aluminum scaffolding has provided a much needed means for the maintenance of school buildings. This scaffolding provides an adjustable, safe-working platform from which cleaning, washing, and painting can be performed.



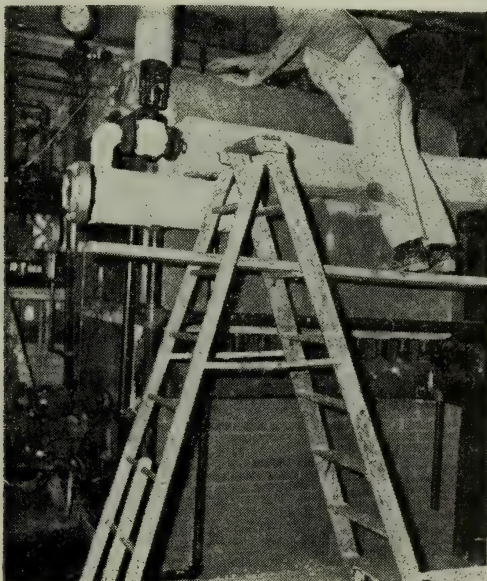
FLOOR SANDER AND EDGER



**ALUMINUM
SCAFFOLDING APPARATUS**

New Boiler and Burner

A new steam boiler and oil burning equipment have been installed in the Cole Trade High School at a cost of approximately \$12,000. The contract for this equipment was awarded to McKinstry Ice Company. This project has been supervised by Clifford W. Greene, registered heating engineer.



NEW #5 OIL BURNER AND BOILER

GRADUATES

TRADE HIGH DIPLOMAS

Cabinetmakers

Albert D. Allard Robert R. Cormier Edward P. Artruc

Draftsmen

‡Donald A. Bernard ‡Bruce A. Heaton ‡James W. Powers
‡Robert A. Mandeville Alexander S. Prokos

Electricians

*Philip W. Paulhus ** Walter A. Shaw

Machinists

Walter W. Clark George A. Lucier ‡Norman E. Martin
‡Richard P. Sirard Robert D. Waraika

Metalsmiths

Ronald V. Tetreault **Earl W. Moore

Painter-Decorators

Donald R. Bachand Robert O. Mahan Gerald A. Tremblay
Printers

Kenneth P. Dojan Robert G. MacKinnon

*In Armed Service.

**Veteran

‡Scholarship Winners.

American Legion Post No. 31 Award Robert Mandeville
Alumni Award — Scholastic Achievement Donald Bernard
Alumni Award — Athletic Achievement Robert Mahan



TRADE SCHOOL GLEE CLUB

SPECIAL CLASSES

A class is held daily for those pupils who need remedial work and special attention because of retarded learning. Mrs. Louise Steenburn conducts these classes.



LEARNING TO BE GOOD CITIZENS

INSTRUCTION FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

In the Town of Southbridge, there are approximately 100 children who are receiving attention for physical ailments. Their education is provided for in our regular schools, private schools, or in some instances, through home instruction. No child in our community is neglected educationally because of any physical handicap.



HOME INSTRUCTION

PLAYGROUNDS

The playgrounds are ably administered by Dr. Lewis A. Kyrios.

The season began on July 7 and ended August 15, a period of six weeks. The activities were conducted at the following areas: Charlton Street, Eastford Road, West Street, and Pleasant Street. Special events were held at the Town Swimming Pool and at Dresser Street Recreational Field.

Personnel

General Director	Lewis A. Kyrios
Supervisor of Arts and Crafts	Mrs. Kathryn Beauregard
Charlton Street Playground	
Supervisor	Mr. Charles Venie
Assistants	Constance Peloquin, Joyce Bachand Pauline Lusignan, Joseph Marino

Eastford Road Playground

Supervisor	Mrs. Elinor Small
Assistants	Charlotte Beck, Sophocles Kollios

Pleasant Street Playground

Supervisor	Mr. Daniel Hobart
Assistants	Elizabeth Duhamel, Madeleine Proulx

West Street School

Supervisor	Miss Eva Salviuolo
Assistants	Marjorie Benson, Joan Darley, John DelVecchio

Enrollment and Attendance

Total Enrollment	1190
Average Daily Attendance	505
Average Percentage of Attendance	41
Largest Daily Attendance	690

Activities

The Playground program was divided in the following manner:

First Week	Organizational Week
Second Week	Sports Program
Third Week	Swimming Meet
Fourth Week	Amateur Shows
Fifth Week	Playoffs
Sixth Week	Arts and Crafts Exhibit

Arts and Crafts

The Arts and Crafts Exhibit was held in the Town Hall on August 14 from 2 to 4 and from 7 to 10 P. M. Over 3000 items were displayed. Parents and friends of the children were invited and over 800 people attended this exhibition. Mrs. Kathryn Beauregard, Supervisor of Arts and Crafts, was in charge of this exhibit and did an excellent job.

Safety Program

The Safety Program was very successful for the results were excellent. There were no major accidents. I wish to extend my appreciation to all those who helped to make the Playground season a success.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

Parents were invited to visit schools during Education Week in order to become more intimately acquainted with the learning processes and progress being made by their children. This gave them an opportunity also to meet and converse with teachers.

Special programs were held in observance of Education Week at Mary E. Wells, Cole Trade High, and West Street schools for parents and teachers of elementary pupils. Panel discussions, demonstrations, movies, and group conferences helped to stimulate interest in school life.



EDUCATION WEEK

ADULT CIVIC EDUCATION

Classes are still held for those who are interested in becoming full-fledged citizens of the United States. These are held three times a week in the evening at the Mary E. Wells High school and are under the direction of Miss Constance L'Ecuyer. They are divided into three groups: beginner, intermediate and advanced. The advantage of such educational opportunities for those who are not naturalized citizens is quite obvious. The industriousness and appreciation of the individuals who attend these classes is noteworthy. They are eager and anxious to assume their obligations and duties as American citizens.

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION AND EVENING COURSES

Classes in evening vocational subjects were offered again this year and proved to be very well attended. The following vocational classes were started in September.

Elementary Sewing	Two Classes
Advanced Dressing	One Class
Tailoring	Two Classes
Cooking	One Class

University Extension classes were offered in the commercial and academic fields.

Elementary Typewriting	One Class
Elementary Stenography	One Class
Comptometer Operation	One Class

These classes were conducted under the supervision of the State Department of Education and were instructed by accredited teachers.

Other classes in vocational, commercial, and academic fields will be offered when the demand for them is sufficient to form such classes.

The director of the University Extension and Evening Courses is Mr. James M. Robertson.

COLE TRADE EVENING SCHOOL

Courses	Instructors	No. Pupils
Woodworking	Frank P. Skinyon	17
Drafting	John L. Benson	24
Machine Shop Practice	William B. Paul	17
Furniture Refinishing	Harold A. Andrews	14
Furniture Refinishing	Antonio Orsini	15
Soldering & Welding	Philip Colognesi	13
Rel. Auto Mechanics	Anthony Capozzo	8
Rel. Diversified	William C. Nickerson	9

The Director of the Cole Evening School is Mr. Raymond L. W. Benoit.



**READING FOR ENJOYMENT
SECOND GRADE**



**SUPER-MARKETING IN THE
THIRD GRADE**



LEARNING TO TELL TIME



PHONICS



FIGURE DRAWING

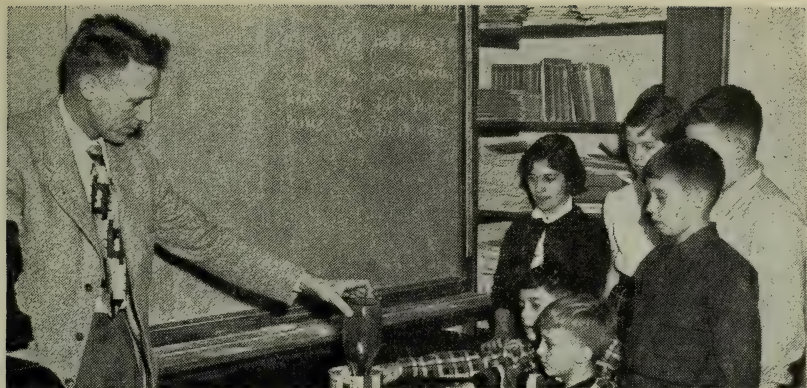
**HEALTH AND
SCIENCE BOOKLETS**



**HAVE YOU READ
THIS ONE?**

**HOBBIES — A
FOURTH GRADE
PROJECT**





AN EXPERIMENT IN SCIENCE



MAP-STUDY



USING THE ENCYCLOPEDIA

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

The name, date of appointment, and degrees appear in that order.

Robert H. McCarn	1950	M. Ed.; D. Ed.
William A. Julien	1945	A. B.; M. Ed.
Lewis A. Kyrios	1938	C. A. G. S.; M. A.; D. Ed.
Eleanor S. Van Etten	1947	A. B.; B.
Paul J. Sweet	1950	
Claire Birtz	1937	
Margaret R. Connolly	1922	
Gloria C. Ciukaj	1951	

Mary E. Wells High School

James M. Robertson	1937	B. S.; M. Ed.
Nora B. Adams	1947	
Pauline M. Aucoin	1921	B. S. Ed.
Dorothy L. Bartoli	1935	B. S. Ed.
Kathryn Beauregard	1922	A. B.; M. A.
Rose Brodeur	1939	B. S.; M. A.
Eva Casavant	1933	B. S.; M. A.
Constance Coderre	1929	B. S.
Luise B. Corbin	1923	
Edward Desroches	1949	A. B.
Paul A. Duhart	1949	B. S. Ed.
Thecla Fitzgerald	1926	A. B.; M. Ed.
C. Estelle Hefner	1933	Ph. B.
Daniel J. Hobart	1950	A. B.
Persis F. Howe	1930	B. S. Ed.
Barbara H. Kyrios	1940	B. S. Ed.
Eino Laakso	1945	A. B.; M. A.
Arthur D. Lane	1948	M. Ed.; M. A.
Harry J. McMahon	1926	Ph. B.; M. Ed.
Elinor Small	1945	A. B.; M. Ed.
Flora Tait	1939	B. S. Ed.; M. A.
Frances Troy	1927	B. S. Ed.
Lindzay Varnam	1943	B. S.; M. Ed.
Elsie Wanerka	1945	B. S. Ed.
John E. Welch	1948	B. S.

Cole Trade High School

Raymond L. W. Benoit	1949	B. S.; M. Ed.
Maureen A. Baybutt	1946	
Elsie A. Hofstra	1933	
Harold A. Andrews	1941	
John L. Benson	1942	B. S. Ed.
George H. Braman	1938	
Francis E. Couture	1945	
Walter J. Glondek	1938	

Ernest Hall	1926	
Emery A. Lavallee	1926	
William C. Nickerson	1941	
William B. Paul	1942	
Eugene J. Remian	1949	B. S. Ed.
Frank P. Skinyon	1934	B. S. Ed.
Lawrence F. Swenson	1932	
Edwin J. Waskiewicz	1952	

Charlton Street School

R. Joseph Racine	1944	A. B.; M. Ed.
Francis A. Beaudette	1948	B. S.
Leah Sax Cohen	1951	A. B.
Helen Golden	1948	
Everett H. Holmes	1945	A. B.; M. Ed.
Ellwood S. Jenness	1948	B. S.
Claire A. Kirk	1949	
Dorothy M. Locke	1951	
Ruth Mahan	1948	B. S.
Marie J. Saunders	1924	
Gladys W. Scott	1948	B. S. Ed.

Eastford Road School

Raoul O. Lataille	1939	A. B.; M. Ed.
Mary A. Breen	1951	B. S.
Elizabeth Curtis	1944	A. B.; B. S. Ed.
T. Thomas Finnerty	1948	A. B.; M. A.
Bertha E. Foley	1912	
Irene V. Gough	1914	
Cathryn Maxwell	1945	
Julia C. Morrill	1914	
Malcolm Nash	1948	B. S. Ed.
Vincent J. Puracchio	1950	A. B.; M. A.
Florida Tarquino	1942	B. S. Ed.

Marcy Street School

Constance M. L'Ecuyer	1940	B. S. Ed.; M. A.
Joseph Angellini	1952	A. B.
Kathleen Burns	1952	
Patricia P. Callahan	1939	B. S. Ed.; M. Ed.
Josette Dupuis	1948	A. B.
Alice Wixted Dion	1926	
Ruth Hefner	1952	B. S. Ed.
Ruth Huson	1945	
Myrtle B. Jodrey	1944	
Louise E. Steenburn	1949	

Mechanic Street School

Marjorie H. Grape	1949
Clara M. Reed	1918
Marie E. Serleto	1949

West Street School

Laurenda Boyer	1926	
Yolande Arsenault	1951	B. S. Ed.
Marjorie F. Campbell	1933	B. S. Ed.
Robert F. Hart	1952	A. B.; M. A.
Emily F. Roberts	1944	B. S. Ed.; M. Ed.
Eva P. Salviuolo	1943	B. S. Ed.
Dorothy M. Sheriff	1945	
Celestine C. Sweet	1932	
Evangeline R. Towse	1948	B. S. Ed.
Bertha L. Wallace	1922	
William E. Rinehart	1952	

CHANGE OF TEACHERS

Left

February—Military Leave—Sven Rosengren

Guidance Director

May—Resigned—Bridie McSweeney Eastford Road
 August—Resigned—Liberty Themistocles Wells High
 October—Resigned—Cecile LeClair Wells High
 November—Resigned—Nels Johnson Cole Trade High
 December—Resigned—Marjorie Grape Mechanic Street

Appointments

September—Ruth Hefner Marcy Street
 September—Kathleen Burns Marcy Street
 September—Joseph Angelini Marcy Street
 October—Robert Hart West Street

CHANGE OF JANITORS

Left

November—Resigned—Gerald Bertrand Wells High
 September—Resigned—Lucien L'Africain Wells High
 December—Resigned—Philius Caron Wells High

Appointments

1952—Wilfred Gauthier West Street
 1952—Adelard Lavallee Wells High

JANITORS

Frederick P. Alger	1947	Wells High
Philius Caron	1945	Wells High
John B. Craite	1946	Cole Trade High
Armand Gaumond	1942	Mechanic Street
Wilfred P. Gauthier	1952	West Street
Adelard Lavallee	1952	Wells High
Theophile Leduc	1943	Charlton Street
Rodolphe L'Homme	1935	Marcy Street
Joseph Moore	1941	Eastford Road
Eugene Tetreault	1949	Pleasant Street

CONCLUSION

It has been my purpose in this report to present the school system in the light of current situations, objectives and events. Our educational activities, illustrated by pictures, should tell a more concrete and interesting story of our endeavors. This is the reason for the change in form of the report for this year.

I wish to thank all those in the community who contributed in any way whatever to the growth and welfare of our schools. Sincere thanks and appreciation are given to the members of the School Committee, the teaching staff, secretaries, principals, supervisors, and the entire personnel for their constant co-operation and support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. McCARN,

Superintendent of Schools.

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OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT



TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

YEAR ENDING

December 31, 1953

SOUTHBRIDGE TYPESETTING COMPANY
SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS
1954

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1953

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

J. Gerard Nolet	1954
Wesley K. Cole	1954
Emile J. Martin	1954

Treasurer

Norbert C. Benoit	1954
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Town Clerk — Ex-Officio

Clare Boyer

Public Welfare

Marie Lariviere	1955
Hermas Lippe, Clerk	1954
Ovide Desrosiers, Chairman	1956
Herbert Michon, Agent	

Old Age Assistance

Ovide Desrosiers, Chairman

Marie Lariviere	Hermas Lippe
Herbert Michon, Agent	

Assessors

Rosario Arpin	1955
Raymond Benoit	1954
Charles Normandin	1956

Board of Health

Henry Demers	1955
Dr. Raymond Haling	1956
Dr. Armand Degrenier, Clerk	1954
Ernest Tetreault, Agent	Marguerite Houle, Nurse

School Committee

Belmore St. Amant	1955
Linia Beck	1956
Lorenzo Beaupre	1954
Mrs. John Steen	1955
Eugene Leblanc	1956
Paul A. Roy	1954

World War Memorial Trustees

J. Gerard Nolet	1954
William Berry	1954
Albert J. Tremblay	1956
Ovila Donais	1955

Roch Lafleche	1954
Hormidas Beaudry	1956

Cemetery Committee

Jesse Blackburn	1955
George Dumas	1956
Lectance Landry	1954

Constables

Bernard Richard	1954
Raoul Meunier	1955
Blaise Trudeau	1956

Tax Collector

Elizabeth Duhamel	1954
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Planning Board

Francis N. Bishop	1954
Edmund Ryan	1955
Albert J. Maramo	1956
Edward Walsh	1957
William B. O'Shaughnessy	1958

Sewer Commissioners

J. George Page	1955
Raymond Bachand	1954
Alfred Gaudreau	1956

Park Commissioners

Leo Leblanc	1955
Earl Wonderlie	1954
Dona A. Beaulieu	1956

Moderator

William J. Clifford	1954
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Commissioners of Trust Fund

Vincent T. Walsh	1955
James Fallon	1956
Charles Hart	1954

Tree Warden

Chester J. Maska	1954
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Southbridge Housing Authority

Omer L. Perron	1954
Royce Fitzpatrick	1955
Francois Sansoucy	1956
Louis J. Ciprari, appointed by the State	

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

Assistant Clerk to Selectmen

Julian C. Gabree 1954

Town Accountant

Leon Caron 1956

Town Counsel

Robert Niedermeyer 1954

Town Engineer

Henry Racicot 1954

Veterans' Benefit Agent

Paul H. Benoit 1954

Veterans' Service Department

Paul H. Benoit 1954

Care of Town Clock

Earl O'Clair 1954

Recreation Committee

Frank Skinyon 1955	Francis Ashe 1956
Willard Stark 1955	Joseph Duffy 1956
Earl Wonderlie 1954	Norman Staves 1955
John E. Merrill 1956	Lorenzo Beaupre 1956
Leo LeBoeuf 1955	Lewis Kyrios 1955
Louis Brunelle 1956	Henry Racicot 1954
Edgar McCann 1953	Alfred Ferron 1955

Superintendent of Schools

Robert H. McCarn Appointed by School Committee

Keeper of Lock-Up

Ovide Desrosiers 1954 Louis Bucci, Ass't 1954

Custodian of Town Hall

Oliver Proulx 1954

Animal Inspector

Alcide Fournier 1954

Plumbing Inspector

Arthur Ballard Temporary

Building Inspector

A. Raymond Dartt 1954

Wire Inspector

Clarence Bachand 1954

By-Law Committee

D. W. Morrill	Mitchell Kurposka	Alfred Ferron
John O. Martin	J. Belden Sly	Oswald Laliberte

Registrars of Voters

Harmel Houde	1955	Timothy Moriarty	1956
Richard Pinsonneault	1954	Clare Boyer, Ex-Officio	

Fire Department

Oswald Meunier, Chief	Daniel Daniels, Dep. Chief
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Moth Superintendent

Chester J. Maska	1954
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Superintendent of Fire Alarms

Norman Larochelle	1954
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Fire Wardens, Appointed by Fire Chief

Oswald Meunier	1954	Albert Servant	1954
Joseph Mandeville	1954	Rosario Bellerose	1954
Emile Caouette	1954	Archie Langevin	1954
Romeo Lippe	1954	Charles Normandin	1954
Harry Michaels	1954		

Fence Viewers

Euclid Gatineau	1954	Herman Giroux	1954
Alphonse Renna	1954	August Kowalski	1954

Finance Committee

James Fallon	1956	Joseph Swiacki	1954
Valmore Gauthier	1956	Stephen Simonelli	1954
Joseph Piasta	1956	Vangel Costa	1955
Armand Lacasse	1956	Rockford Lavoie	1955
Norman Brodeur	1956	Abe Smith	1955
Louis T. Allard	1954	Vincent Piucci	1955
Alan G. Ferguson	1954	Edgar Tremblay	1955
John Rischitelli	1954		

Honor Roll Committee

Raymond Benoit	1954	Doris Loiselle	1954
Ronaldo Guertin	1954	Armand DeAngelis	1954
Louis Gubb	1954	Hector Brodeur	1954
Bernard Beauregard	1954		

Measurer of Wood and Bark

Thomas L. Hughes	1954	John J. Hogan, Jr.	1954
Clifford McKinstry	1954	Royce Fitzpatrick	1954

Field Drivers

Charles Chamberland	1954	Jacob Gouin	1954
Paul Quinn	1954		

Soldiers Burial Officers

William J. Congdon 1954 Arthur Eno 1954

Public Weighers

Jacob Edwards	1954	Raymond Fitzpatrick	1954
Ralph McKinstry	1954	Dorsi Ryan	1954
Loretta Fitzpatrick	1954	Argentina Damian	1954
William Cox	1954	Rita Damian	1954
Beatrice Peloquin	1954	Arthur Gendron	1954
Harry Michaels	1954	Constance Matys	1954

Zoning Board of Appeals

Peter Graf	1954	Edgar McCann	1956
Edward Seremet	1955		

Dog Officer

Ernest Cadarette 1954

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Rudolph Lariviere 1954

Care of Veterans Graves

William J. Congdon 1954

Retirement Board

Leon Caron	1954	Theodore Kwarciak	1954
Paul H. Benoit	1954		

Airport Committee

Edmund Ryan	1954	Emile Arsenault	1957
Ira W. Brackett	1955	Albert DiGregorio	1958
William LeGate	1956		

Library Trustees for the Town

Edward P. Sheehan	1954	Oswald Laliberte	1956
Dr. Nerio Pioppi	1955		

Pound Keeper

Frederick H. Dowling 1954

Superintendent of Streets

Joseph Benoit 1954

Committee for Revaluation of Property

Arthur Smith	637 Elm Street
William Horsley	157 Chapin Street
Bernard Sherry	2 Chapin Court
Ernest Fontaine	41 Warren Street
Robert Coderre	452 Hamilton Street

Board of Rent Control

Arthur Woolhouse, Public Interest	52 Newell Avenue
Hormidas Beaudry, Public Interest	1 Cedar Street

Jesse Jones, Public Interest	112 Chapin Street
Louis Gagnon, Tenants	53 Newell Avenue
Armand St. Germain, Landlords	368 Worcester Street

Wage Survey Committee

Appointed by Town Moderator at Town Meeting, March 9, 1953

Edgar Tremblay	73 Moon Street
Paul Quinn	8 Woodland Street
Marie Lariviere	76 Everett Street
Joseph V. Langevin	104 Mechanic Street
Ernest Farland	15 Chestnut Street

Southbridge Radio Officer — Civil Defense

Charles McLam	89 Dennison Lane
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JURY LIST

MALE

Name — Address	Occupation
Anderson, Albert J., 41 Chestnut Street	Tool and Die Maker
Ashton, Francis W., 172 Dresser Street	Optical Truer
Bachand, Edward E., 16 Williams Street	Carpenter
Ballard, Francis A., 391 Hamilton Street	Parts Manager
Beaupre, Arthur E., 245 Mechanic Street	Machine Worker
Bernarczk, John J., 201 Everett Street	Tool Maker
Belrose, Harold N., 161 Sayles Street	Grinder
Bibeau, Rodolphe A., 53 Worcester Street	Machinist
Blair, Alfred F., 331 Dennison Street	Trucking
Blais, Napoleon J., 402 Worcester Street	Glass Worker
Blanchette, Leon, 27 Union Street	Carpenter
Bolduc, Albert A., 255 Mechanic Street	Lens Worker
Brown, Robert E., 129 Charlton Street	Packer
Beaudry, Joseph Andre, 468 Hamilton Street	Painter
Clifford, Richard F., 327 Hamilton Street	Textile Worker
Cardrant, Leo E., 579 Main Street	Truck Driver
Caron, Anatole, Jr., 33 River Street	Salesman
Caron, Philias, 16 Water Street	Custodian
Cartier, Joseph, Jr., 117 Worcester Street	Auto Dealer
Cloutier, Armand J., 400 Main Street	Truer
Coderre, Henry F., 560 South Street	Merchant
Cronin, Thomas F., 340 Hamilton Street	Yarn Inspector
Daigle, Alexander A., 67 Highland Street	Foreman
Darzenkiewicz, Walter J., 16 Wardwell Court	Machinist
DeAngelis, Phillip N., 80 Sayles Street	Student
Demers, Charles E., 62 Highland Street	Textile Worker
Donais, Alfred G., 133 Everett Street	Mechanic
Dow, Roland W., 42 Pleasant Street	Optical Worker
Dufault, Joseph, 155 Mechanic Street	Laborer
Durocher, Joseph R., 107 Pine Street	Forger
Duquette, Albert F., 14 Worcester Street	Dyer
Ethier, Louis G., 224 Mechanic Street	Taxi Driver
Farland, Ernest A., 15 Chestnut Street	Lens Moulder
Flood, Henry F., 327 Main Street	Optical Worker
Fontaine, Lucian, 86 Chestnut Street	Machinist
Fontaine, Hermenegilde, 86 Chestnut Street	Optical Worker
Fortin, Clarence J., 20 Fairmont Street	Textile Worker
Fournier, Joseph R., 53 West Street	Wet Grinder
Gaumont, Harvey W., 161 Mechanic Street	Taxi Driver

Gauthier, Phillip, 412 Charlton Street	Clerk
Gauthier, Alexis J., 616 Charlton Street	Unit Leader
Gauthier, Pierre W., 630 Main Street	Steam Fitter
Genereux, Homer A., 103 Charlton Street	Steam Fitter
Gendreau, Joseph U., 119 Pleasant Street	Knife Maker
Gaumont, Armand, 711 Main Street	Trucking
Gendron, Raymond H., 149 Mechanic Street	Hot Frame Op.
Giroux, Herman, 26 Marsh Street	Cafe Owner
Graf, Peter, 205 Main Street	Foreman
Gravel, Lionel J., 432 Charlton Street	Press Operator
Guignard, Joseph A., 78 Sayles Street	Machine Grinder
Hatton, Thomas, 296 Main Street	Machine Grinder
Herbert, Armand F., 55 Coombs Street	Milling Machine
Jolin, Jean B., 272 Mechanic Street	Lens Grinder
Julien, William, 105 Charlton Street	Lens Grinder
Kathan, Alden Leroy, 30 Pleasant Street	Optical Worker
Kingsley, Walter E., 19 Franklin Terrace	Press Operator
Lacasse, Hormidas, 2 Lens Court	Optical Worker
Lafleche, Albert, 59 Main Street	Optical Worker
Laliberte, Oliver J., 71 River Street	Press Operator
Landry, Lectance, 62 Lovely Street	Painter
Lamothe, Charles D., 23 Chestnut Street	Drawing
Lamontagne, Henry, 37 River Street	Press Operator
Lapointe, Lionel J., 398 Worcester Street	Shipping Clerk
Laporte, Alexis, 119 West Street	Textile Worker
Lariviere, Ubald A., 102 Lebanon Street	Cutlery Finisher
Lavallee, Adelard, 75 Crystal Street	General Maintenance
Lavallee, Napoleon J., 88 School Street	Retired
Leblanc, Wilfred P., 219 Charlton Street	Machinist
Leblanc, Leon L., 372 Hamilton Street	Yarn Inspector
Leblanc, Oswald H., 54 Westwood Parkway	Lens Setter
Leboeuf, Roland A., 27 Chestnut Street	Stock Clerk
Lemoine, Ferdinand, 22 Edwards Street	Supervisor
Libera, Joseph, 29 Ballard Court	Textile Worker
Libuda, Joseph, 24 Caron Street	Foreman
Loranger, Edward W., 127 Pleasant Street	Machinist
Mathieu, Isaie, 288 Mechanic Street	Janitor
Matte, Archille J., 262 Mechanic Street	Ruling
Monaco, Thomas J., 115 North Street	Lens Moulder
Monnette, Moise G., 122 Hamilton Street	Part-time Clerk
Mundell, Homer W., 59 Highland Street	Steam Fitter
Martel, Arthur P., 538 Main Street	Ins. Salesman
McCann, George, 43 Worcester Street	Janitor

Nichols, Thomas J., 29 Fiske Street	Unemployed
Paquette, Walter O., 257 Alpine Road	Stock Clerk
Parent, Aime E., 9 Hillcrest Avenue	Electrician
Patenaude, George J., 12 Pine Street	Mill Hand
Paquin, William, 32 Worcester Street	Inspector
Peloquin, Armand, 86 Worcester Street	Optical Worker
Pezzetti, John W., 410 Elm Street	Ins. Salesman
Pinsonneault, Richard G., 205 Marcy Street	Press Operator
Paulhus, Andrew, 56 Taft Street	Hand Edger
Paul, Wilbrod J., 395 Elm Street	Optical Worker
Pinsonneault, Laurier, 109 Pine Street	Bench Worker
Plasse, Herman, 79 Fairlawn Avenue	Optical Worker
Plouffe, George E., 135 Marcy Street	Retired
Proulx, Charles F., 81 Walcott Street	Carpenter
Petit, Alberic, 105 Old Sturbridge Rd.	Steamfitter
Raulier, Emile C., 31 Franklin Terrace	Tool Maker
St. Martin, Rudolphe, 466 Worcester Street	Machinist
St. George, Reginald, 38 Foster Street	Optical Worker
Santo, Dominic, 462 Elm Street	Foreman
Savaria, Valmore P., 115 Woodstock Road	Millwright
Stevens, Nicholas, 33 Oakes Avenue	Grocer
Stypulkowski, Anthony, 110 Old Sturbridge Rd.	Sales Mgr.
Serletto, John F., 18 Park Street	Salesman
Trembley, Albert J., 240 Marcy Street	Optical Worker
Talbot, Ernest J., 34 Hamilton Street	Frame Worker
Tasciotti, Ralph, 60 Sayles Street	Knife Worker
Tavernier, Omer J., 10 Lens Street	Press Operator
Therrien, Armand, 87 Crystal Street	Store Clerk
Trahan, Ovila, 18 Clark Street	Cabinet Maker
Tremblay, Leodore, 276 Charlton Street	Supervisor
Thompson, Roger B., 227 High Street	Machinist
Varin, Raymond J., 110 Mechanic Street	Bookkeeper
Vecchia, Albert F., 60 Sayles Street	Woodworker
Volpini, Renato, 192 Eastford Road	Optical Worker

FEMALE

Name — Address	Occupation
Bachand, Mabel F., 43 Randolph Street	Housewife
Ballard, Estelle G., 391 Hamilton Street	Clerical Worker
Benoit, Doris Ann, 44 High Street	Housewife
Boutillier, Mae, 112 Hamilton Street	Housewife
Benoit, Rose Anna, 256 Dennison Drive	Housewife
Carpenter, Jeanette, 246 Mechanic Street	Inspector

Decker, Florence, 206 Chapin Street	Housewife
Dubreuil, Julia, 11 Sayles Street	Housewife
Gagnon, Anna N., 53 Newell Avenue	Housewife
Gaumont, Stephanie, 711 Main Street	Housewife
Jalbert, Mabel E., 171 Sayles Street	Housewife
Lariviere, Marie E., 97 Everett Street	Housewife
Lariviere, Beatrice N., 102 Lebanon Street	Housewife
Lafleche, Lea, 47 Green Avenue	Optical Worker
Lavallee, Lillian L., 126 Litchfield Avenue	Housewife
Lippe, Isidora A., 214 Marcy Street	Housewife
Mathieu, Mrs. Orianda, 228 Mechanic Street	Saleslady
Proulx, Lillianne G., 70 Everett Street	Social Worker
Russell, Mary Rose, 86 Hamilton Street	Housewife
Shepard, Rose P., 77 Hamilton Street	Housewife
Sullivan, Evelyn E., 40 South Street	Clerk
Salak, Alice Gertrude, 801 Worcester Street	Housewife
Trudeau, Atwilda, 35 Canal Street	Housewife
Varin, Laura, 110 Mechanic Street	Clerk
Walsh, Mary G., 59½ Fiske Street	Housewife

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The Board of Selectmen hereby submit the following report of the activities of the department for the year of 1953.

The Board organized under the date of March 3, 1953, J. Gerard Nolet was appointed Chairman of the Board, Wesley K. Cole was appointed Clerk of the Board, and Emile J. Martin serving as third member of the Board.

This being the first year that the Highway Department has been under the direct supervision of the Board of Selectmen, we feel that much advancement has been made in improving many of our most traveled street within the center of the Town, as well as giving proper attention to the outlying districts. If our present program can continue, within a few years our streets and roads will be in an excellent condition.

Some major repairs have been done to the Town Hall Building during the year, such as repairing the roof and painting the outside trim of the building, these repairs were much needed, however, we feel that there are other repairs needed, and that a similar amount of money should be appropriated each year until the necessary repairs are made, in order to preserve the building so that it can be used for many more years, without being a burden to the tax payer.

With all other Town Departments, we have done our best to improve conditions within our Town, and to give our citizens good government at a minimum cost.

The income of the Board for the year 1953 was \$18,222.00 and was received from the following items:

Liquor Licenses:

6 Club All-Alcoholic	@ \$300.00	\$ 1,800.00
3 Club Wine and Malt	100.00	300.00
2 Innholder All-Alcoholic	600.00	1,200.00
12 Restaurant All-Alcoholic	500.00	6,000.00
12 Restaurant Wine and Malt	200.00	2,400.00
4 Package Goods, All-Alcoholic	300.00	1,200.00
6 Package Goods, Wine & Malt	100.00	600.00
5 Drug, All-Alcoholic	50.00	250.00
3 Special Wine and Malt	8.50	25.50
5 Seasonal All-Alcoholic	150.00	750.00
35 One-Day Wine and Malt	1.00	35.00
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		\$14,560.00

Miscellaneous Licenses:

2 Innholder	@ \$ 3.00	\$ 6.00
76 Taxi Driver	1.00	76.00
22 Taxi Owner	1.00	22.00
50 Pin Ball Machines	20.00	1,000.00
44 Sunday Stores	3.00	132.00
4 Lodging Houses	1.00	4.00
86 Signs	1.00	86.00
1 Parking Lot	2.00	2.00
6 Fire Arms	3.00	18.00
50 Common Victuallers	3.00	150.00
6 Storage Tanks50	3.00
29 Auto Dealer	3.00	84.00
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		\$ 1,577.00
Town Hall Rental		\$ 285.00
Court House		1,200.00
Lock-Up Rental		600.00
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		\$ 2,085.00
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Grand Total		\$18,222.00

The expenses of operating our department are given in the report prepared by the Town Accountant, and for that reason are not enumerated here.

We wish to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the other Town Departments and Committees, and all others, who have cooperated with us during the past year to promote good government.

Respectfully yours,

J. GERARD NOLET,
WESLEY K. COLE,
EMILE J. MARTIN,
Selectmen.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

VITAL STATISTICS

Total number of births registered	596
Total number of deaths registered	256
Total number of marriages registered	197

MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES RECORDED

Auctioneer's	3
Bowling and Pool	3
Junk	6
Junk	2
Hawkers' and Peddlars'	3
Gasoline	35
Garage	27
Total licenses issued	79

Paid Town Treasurer \$190.00

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

Male	581
Female	87
Spayed Female	231
Kennel	5
Total licenses issued	904

Paid Town Treasurer \$1,928.20

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED

Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	712
Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	298
Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses	241
Resident Citizens' Minors Fishing Licenses	84
Resident Citizens' Women's Fishing Licenses	124
Resident Minor Trappers' License	1
Resident Citizens' Trapping Licenses	5
Special Non-Resident Fishing Licenses	10
Non-Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	9
Non-Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	2
Duplicate Licenses	6
Non-Resident Military or Naval Sporting Lic.	2
Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses (Free)	99
Resident Cit. Military or Naval Sporting Lics. (Free)	30

Resident Citizens' Fishing or to the Blind (Free)	14
Total licenses issued	1,633
Amount Paid to Division of Fisheries and Game	\$4,735.50

LIST OF JURORS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN DURING 1953

Armand Therrien, 87 Crystal Street
 Albert Lafleche, 59 Main Street
 Wilbrod Paul, 395 Elm Street
 Laura Varin, 110 Mechanic Street
 Harold W. Bellerose, 161 Sayles Street
 Joseph Cartier, Jr., 117 Worcester Street
 Laurier Pinsonneault, 109 Pine Street
 Wilfred J. Leblanc, 219 Charlton Street
 Anatole Caron, Jr., 22 River Street
 Francis A. Ballard, 391 Hamilton Street
 John Pezzetti, 410 Elm Street
 Roger B. Thompson, 227 Hillside Road
 Joseph U. Gendreau, 119 Plimpton Street
 Joseph Libera, 9 Ballard Court
 Albert J. Tremblay, 240 Marcy Street
 Mary G. Walsh, 59½ Fiske Street
 Rose Shepard, 77 Hamilton Street
 Hormisdas Lacasse, 2 Lens Court
 Lucien Fontaine, 86 Chestnut Street
 Leon L. Leblanc, 372 Hamilton Street
 Charles Lamothe, 23 Chestnut Street
 Isidora Lippe, 214 Marcy Street
 Edward E. Bachand, 16 Williams Street
 Clarence J. Fortin, 20 Fairmont Avenue
 Anthony Stypulkowski, 110 Old Sturbridge Road

MEETINGS HELD DURING 1953

Annual Election of Town Officers	March 1, 1953
Annual Business Meeting	March 9, 1953
Special Town Meeting	May 6, 1953
Special Town Meeting	June 22, 1953
Special Town Meeting	July 29, 1953
Special Town Meeting	December 14, 1953

Respectfully submitted,
 CLARE P. BOYER,
 Town Clerk.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

For Year Ending December 31, 1953

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1953	\$ 467,771.55
Receipts for 1953	2,238,312.26
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1953 Disbursements	\$2,706,083.81
	2,339,800.60
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Balance — Cash on Hand, December 31, 1953	\$ 366,283.21

FUNDED DEBT

Due 1954	Denominated	Date of Issue	Am't of Loan	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1953
\$ 6,000.00	Eastford Road and West St. Schools	1936	\$152,490.00	\$18,000.00
4,000.00	Northern Dist. Elemen. School	1938	80,000.00	20,000.00
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\$10,000.00				\$38,000.00

TEMPORARY LOAN

\$100,000.00—Anticipation of Taxes Due May 3, 1954

POST WAR FUND

2¼% U. S. Treasury Bonds — Dated Feb. 1, 1944	\$ 75,000.00
2¼% U. S. Treasury Bonds — Dated June 1, 1945	75,000.00
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	\$150,000.00
Coupons & Savings Bank Interest, Through Dec. 31, 1953	33,705.05
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Total Fund	\$183,705.05

CEMETERY FUND

Depository	Balance Dec. 31, 1953	Int. 1953
Cambridge Savings Bank	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 90.00
Dedham Insti. for Savings	2,000.00	60.00
Gardner Savings Bank	3,000.00	90.00
Lynn Inst. for Savings	2,000.00	55.00
Leominster Savings Bank	2,475.00	74.26

Millbury Savings Bank	1,453.52	50.86
New Bedford 5-Cent Savings	3,000.00	78.75
Natick 5-Cent Savings	2,500.00	75.00
Southbridge Savings Bank	10,100.00	302.00
Salem 5-Cent Savings	3,000.00	90.00
Winchendon Savings Bank	3,000.00	105.00
Ware Savings Bank	2,000.00	62.50
Webster 5-Cent Savings	1,714.68	47.14
Worcester 5-Cent Savings	2,000.00	60.00
Worcester Federal Co-op	4,000.00	130.00
Workingmen's Co-op	4,000.00	110.00
Merchant's Co-op	4,000.00	120.00
Mattapan Co-op	2,000.00	60.00
Mt. Washington Co-op	4,000.00	120.00
Congress Co-op	4,000.00	115.00
Southbridge Co-op	2,000.00	60.00
Merrimack Co-op	2,000.00	60.00
Suffolk Co-op	4,000.00	115.00
Minot Co-op	2,000.00	53.00
Lincoln Co-op	2,000.00	65.00
Southbridge Credit Union	6,000.00	120.00
Southbridge Credit Union	4,062.10	79.19
Southbridge Credit Union	8,000.00	75.00
Totals	\$93,305.30	\$2,522.61

Cemetery Fund as of January 1, 1953	\$81,735.30
Added to Fund, 1953:	
Perpetual Care	\$ 1,570.00
S. Louise Orr Bequest	10,000.00 11,570.00
Cemetery Fund — December 31, 1953	\$93,305.30

TRUST FUNDS

Depository	Balance Jan. 1, 1953	Int. 1953	Balance Dec. 31 1953
Mary Mynott Fund			
Southbridge Savings	\$1,000.00	\$30.00	\$1,000.00
Boyer Fund			
Southbridge Savings	458.74	13.85	472.59

Jesse J. Angell Fund

Southbridge Savings	1,526.75	46.13	1,572.88
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Ella M. Cole Fund

Attleboro Savings	1,000.00	23.75	1,000.00
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Cambridge Savings	1,000.00	30.00	1,000.00
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Charlestown 5-Cent	1,000.00	27.50	1,000.00
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Hannah Edwards Fund

First National Bank of Boston, Trustee	5,000.00	135.00	5,000.00
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Mabel Murphy Fund

Southbridge Savings	2,000.00	60.00	2,000.00
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Adah Stedman Fund

Southbridge Credit Union	1,000.00	30.00	1,000.00
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Respectfully submitted,
NORBERT C. BENOIT,
Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the year ending December 31st, 1953. All appropriations voted since 1953 Tax Rate was fixed.

Tax Rate for 1953 was set at \$53.00.

Total Appropriations as Certified by

Town Clerk to be raised by

Taxation \$1,394,056.97

Total appropriations voted to be
taken from available funds. In
1953 since 1952 tax rate was fixed

97,845.99 \$1,491,902.96

STATE:

Tax and
Assessments:

	1953	1952
	Esti- mates	Under esti- mates

State Parks & Reservations\$ 1,601.60 \$179.50

State Audit of Municipal

Account: 1,244.60 356.46

State Examination of Re-

tirement System 50.50

\$2,896.70	\$535.96	\$	3,432.66
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COUNTY:

Tax & Assessments:

County Tax\$48,964.39

Tuberculosis 33,426.32

\$82,390.71	\$	82,390.71
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OVERLAY of Current Year

22,005.38

GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	\$1,599,731.71
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ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND
AVAILABLE FUNDS:

Estimated receipts for year 1952 \$ 568,903.66

OVERESTIMATES of previous

year to be used as available funds \$ 4,095.44

State Parks & Reservations 1,093.75

**Amounts Voted to be Taken from
Available Funds:**

Amounts and Dates of approval
by Commissioner of Corporations
and Taxation:

\$ 8,784.85—June 25, 1952
3,347.14—Dec. 31, 1952
60,250.00—Mar. 9, 1953
15,000.00—Mar. 9, 1953
10,464.00—Mar. 9, 1953

\$ 97,845.99	\$ 97,845.99
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	\$ 103,035.18

Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	\$ 671,938.84
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Net Amounts to be Raised by Taxation on Polls and Property ..	\$ 927,792.87
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Number of Polls, 5711 @ \$2.00 each \$	11,422.00
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Total Valuation:

Personal Property .. \$ 2,876,820.00	\$ 152,471.46
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Real Estate	\$14,413,095.00	763,894.03
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Total Assessed Valuation on Personal and Real Estate	\$17,289,915.00
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Division of Tax Rate	5.38
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Total Taxes Levied on Polls and Property	\$ 927,792.87
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**Items not Entering into the
Determination of the Tax Rate:**

Betterment & Special As-
sessments added to Taxes:

Sewer Assessments in 1953 and and interest (Apportioned)	\$ 1,769.96
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Total of All Other Commitments	\$ 1,769.96
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Total Amount of all Taxes on Polls & Property and Assess- ments Committed to the Tax Collector to Date of Tax Rate	\$ 929,562.83
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ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS:

May 26, 1953—Poll Tax	\$ 46.00	
Warrant to Col., May 26, 1953		46.00
Sept. 9, 1953—Poll Tax	48.00	
Warrant to Col., Sept. 9, 1953		48.00
Dec. 8, 1953—Poll Tax	12.00	
Warrant to Col., Dec. 8, 1953		12.00
Dec. 7, 1953—Real Estate	53.00	
Warrant to Col., Dec. 7, 1953		53.00

Total Warrants to Collector on Polls, Real Estate, Personal, Sewer, Sidewalk and Omitted Assessments for 1953	\$ 929,721.83
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Valuation of Motor Vehicles for 1953	\$ 2,281,470.00
Tax on Motor Vehicles for 1953	102,995.90
Warrant to Collector for 1953	102,995.90

Total Assessed Valuation for 1953 Including Motor Vehicles	\$19,571,385.00
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Total Warrants to Collector for 1953	\$1,032,717.73
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Value of Exempted Property

Churches, Parsonages, Schools & Hospital	\$1,494,300.00
Town Property	1,494,030.00
U. S. Post Office	98,000.00
U. S. Government Housing Project	144,250.00

Total Exempted Property	\$3,230,580.00
Total Number of Motor Vehicles Assessed	4650
Total Number of Dwelling Houses	2711

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES NORMANDIN,
ROSARIO ARPIN,
RAYMOND BENOIT,
Board of Assessors.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit my report for the Tree Warden department for the year ending December 31, 1953.

The past year I removed 30 dead trees, on various streets about town, that were endangering the public. Seven stumps out of sidewalks and town-owned property, also painted three Maple trees, to replace dead trees that were removed.

Dead limbs on trees, on various streets, I pruned and removed. Braced and cabled three trees, repaired three large cavities.

1953 Appropriation, Tree Warden Department \$2,000.00

Salaries and Wages:

Tree Warden	\$ 384.38
Labor	1,154.38

Other Expenses:

Winch Hire	27.50
Power Saw Hire	93.75
Truck Hire	305.25
Tree Paint and Tools	34.69

\$1,999.95

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Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER J. MASKA,
Tree Warden.

DUTCH ELM DISEASE DEPT.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit my report for the Dutch Elm Disease Department for the year ending December 31, 1953.

I sprayed the town owned Elm trees twice with a Hydraulic Sprayer, using DDT Emulsion. I also had the center of the town sprayed with a Helicopter, to control Elm Leaf and Bark Beetle with excellent results.

I also removed as many Dutch Elm Diseased trees as funds would allow.

1953 Duth Elm Disease Appropriation \$3,000.00

Salaries and Wages:

Moth Superintendent \$ 12.00

Labor 8.80

Other Expenses:

Hydraulic Sprayer to Agitate DDT
for Helicopter 33.00

Helicopter Spraying 560.00

Hydraulic Spraying 1,827.00

Material (#C996 Niatox D-25) 552.75

Truck Hire 3.50

Telephone and postage for Elm samples 2.95

\$3,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER J. MASKA,

Moth Superintendent.

GYPSY MOTH DEPT.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit my report for the Gypsy Moth Department for the year ending December 31, 1953.

The past year I sprayed with DDT and Lead as many of our town owned trees as possible, for Gypsy Moth and Web Worm, because of limited amount of funds.

I find in sprayed areas infestation has been kept down to my satisfaction, unsprayed areas, infestation is spreading, especially from the Dudley area to the Sandersdale area.

Moth Extermination 1953 Appropriation \$400.00

Salaries and Wages:

Moth Superintendent \$ 50.25

Labor 62.38

Other Expenses:

Hydraulic Sprayer and Spray Material 243.00

Truck Hire 42.00

Material 2.37

\$400.00

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER J. MASKA,

Moth Superintendent.

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

In accordance with the law and custom, I submit the following report of the year ending December 31, 1953, giving names of members of the Fire Department. Values of properties under my supervision, number of fires we responded to, values of properties where loss occurred, dates and location of fires.

We responded to 13 bell alarms, 3 were false, 279 were still alarms. Total, 292 alarms for the year.

330 Hydrants @ \$65.00 each per year, total	\$ 21,450.00
Value of Buildings	192,200.00
Loss on Buildings	11,288.87
Insurance on Buildings	212,725.00
Insurance Paid on Buildings	11,193.87
Value of Contents	76,400.00
Loss on Contents	10,579.00
Insurance on Contents	51,600.00
Insurance Paid on Contents	8,728.50

Inventory of the Fire Department

Two Fire Stations	\$ 75,000.00
Fire Apparatus	40,000.00
Fire Department Supplies	10,000.00
Gamewell Fire Alarm System	50,000.00

Permits

Transporting Gasoline	12
High Explosives	28
Range Oil Burners	49
Power Oil Burners	140
Open Air Permits	475
Removal of Gas Tanks	4
Decorations	30
Bottled Gas Permits	23

Inspections

Stores	224
Hotels and Boarding Houses	56
Tenement Houses	1897
Range Oil Burners	49
Power Oil Burners	140
Clubs and Cafes	123
Locked Out	14
Complaints	82

Fire Alarms Answered

- Jan. 25**—Box 23 at 12.58 a. m. Barn at 302 Dennison Drive. Owned by Omer Talbot. Cause, undetermined. Insured.
- Jan. 26**—Still alarm at 9.52 a. m. Tenement at 34 Marcy Street. Owned by Miss Dora Bedard. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.
- March 28**—Still alarm at 7.25 p. m. Tenement at 173 Everett Street. Owned by Mrs. Adele Gauthier. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.
- May 31**—Still alarm at 10.15 a. m. Garage at rear of 27 Pleasant Street. Owned by Mrs. Louis Farland. Caused by children playing with matches. No insurance.
- June 25**—Box 62 at 9.02 a. m. Warehouse on River Street. Owned by Weld & Beck. Cause, undetermined. Insured.
- June 30**—Still alarm at 5.38 p. m. Wooden platform at 259 Worcester Street. Owned by Fileno DiGregorio. Caused by carelessly discarded cigarette. Insured.
- July 18**—Box 24 at 9.40 a. m. Garage and paint storehouse at 21 High Street. Caused by short circuit in car. Insured.
- July 22**—Still alarm at 8.43 a. m. Tenement at 200 Everett Street. Owned by Edward Bonnette. Caused by children playing with matches. Insured.
- Aug. 21**—Still alarm at 6.15 a. m. Tenement at 19 Union Street. Owned by Lionel Gaulin. Caused by smoking in bed. Insured.
- Aug. 30**—Still alarm at 2.18 a. m. Outside awning at 323 Main Street. Owned by Ralph Robbins. Caused by carelessly discarded cigarette. Insured.
- Oct. 17**—Box 34 at 4.27 p. m. Building in rear of 17 and 21 Central Street. Owned by Martin Krasowski. Caused by sparks from incinerator. Insured.
- Oct. 21**—Still alarm at 6.10 p. m. Garage at 41 Chapin Street. Owned by George Fitts. Caused by sparks from incinerator. Uninsured.
- Nov. 19**—Still alarm at 4.15 p. m. Tenement at 258 South Street. Owned by Mrs. B. Vertine Senecal. Caused by overheated chimney. Insured.
- Nov. 24**—Box 34 at 2.05 a. m. Store room at rear of 310 Main Street. Owned by Perron & Tasse. Cause, unknown. Insured.

- Nov. 28**—Still alarm at 11.30 p. m. Tenement at 45 Oliver Street. Owned by Philibert Quevillion. Caused by overheated chimney. Insured.
- Dec. 8**—Still alarm at 1.45 a. m. Outside at 310 Main Street. Owned by Omer Perron. Caused by discarded cigarette.
- Dec. 19**—Box 32 at 5.00 p. m. Garage at 203 Hamilton Street. Owned by Earl Wonderlie. Caused by sparks from incinerator. Insured.
- Dec. 25**—Still alarm at 12.06 p. m. Tenement at 11 Windsor court. Owned by Oswald Lavallee. Caused by sparks from incinerator. Insured.
- Dec. 25**—Still alarm at 12.15 p. m. Building at 269 Worcester Street. Owned by Henry Lavoie. Caused by sparks from incinerator. Insured.
- Dec. 27**—Still alarm at 11.05 a. m. Garage at 66 Lens Street. Owned by James N. Garieri. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.

Roster of the Southbridge Fire Department

Chief

Oswald Meunier

Deputy Chief

Daniel Daniels

Permanent Firemen

Captain, Emile Caouette	Lieutenant, Archie Langevin
Ovila Donais	Rodolphe Arpin
Harry Gendron	Adrien Pouliot
Ernest Collette	Victor Caouette
Henry Desourdy	Edward McNally
Alva Gregoire	Romeo Mathieu
Arthur Marand	Napoleon White
Edward Boucher	Jean St. Amant
Biago Puccilli	

Call Men — Hose No. 1

Captain, Hermas Lippe	Lieutenant, Leopold Langlois
Clarence Blais	Paul Lucier
Armand Dumas	Alfred Langevin
Thomas Mannis	Walter Earnest
Ernest Tremblay	Wilfrid Forcier
Archie Ruzzoli	Henry Santelli

Call Men — Hose No. 2

Captain, Eugene Blais

Napoleon Blais
Armand Durocher
William Berry
Normand Larochelle
Louis Ciprari

Raymond Dartt
Arthur Caplette
Anthony DePietro
Roland Larochelle
Raymond Houle

Call Men — Aerial No. 1

Captain, Eugene Gaumont
Aime Ravenelle
Armand Gibeault
Roy Proulx
Archie Matte

Lieutenant, Alexander Daigle
George Plouffe
Melvin Williams
Roger Favreau
Ferdinand Szczypien

Superintendent of Fire Alarm

Normand Larochelle

In closing my report for last year, I wish to thank the citizens for their cooperation and members of the department for their loyalty to their work.

In conclusion, the Chief, Oswald Meunier, on behalf of the members of the Fire Department, wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen and the other town officials for their courtesy and consideration of the department.

Respectfully submitted,

OSWALD MEUNIER,
Chief of Fire Department.

For the Fire Department,
Archie Langevin, Clerk.

FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Forest Fire Department answered 101 alarms for forest fires in 1953.

Forest Fire Warden Salary, \$200.00.

There were 475 permits for fires in the open.

I wish at this time to thank the people for their good will and again ask their cooperation with this department to prevent forest fires in this vicinity.

Inventory of the Forest Fire Department

3	Forest Fire Pump with 2500 ft. of 1½ inch hose	\$1,800.00
2700	Ft. of 1 in. hose	1,350.00
6	1½ in. shut-off nozzles	125.00

6	1 in. shut off nozzles	120.00
8	Open end nozzles	54.00
1	½ ton Ford truck	1,000.00
1	1 ton Ford truck	150.00
22	2½ gallon extinguishers	155.00
15	Indian fire pumps	163.50
4	2½ gallon hand pumps	50.00
6	Ten-quart pails	15.00
12	Brooms	34.00
2	Shovels	2.00
12	Reducers	60.00

Deputy Forest Fire Warden

Daniel Daniels	Emile Caouette
Albert Servant	Joseph Mandeville
Romeo Lippe	Archie Langevin
Harry Michaels	Rosario Bellerose

Respectfully submitted,

OSWALD MEUNIER,
Forest Fire Dept. Warden

AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

In rendering my report for the past year, I wish to state that there was an appropriation of \$1200.00 made for this department.

In 1953, the ambulance made 265 out of town trips and 307 local trips. During the year the ambulance made the following trips.

Out of Town Trips at no charge:

Veteran's Aid	12
Public Welfare	4
Old Age Assistance	1

Local and Out of Town Trips

Southbridge	307
Worcester	67
Sturbridge	60
Charlton	37
Fiskdale	23
Boston	17

Grafton	7
Brimfield	7
Dodge	7
Brookfield	5
Holland	5
Jamaica Plains	5
Dudley	4
Framingham	4
Wales	3
West Dudley	3
East Brookfield	3
Springfield	2
Woodstock	2
Hudson, N. H.	1
East Brimfield	1
Spencer	1
West Upton	1
Westfield	1
West Boylston	1
West Roxbury	1
Total	575

Inventory of the Ambulance Department

1 Cadillac Ambulance	\$4,000.00
1 Packard Ambulance	4,900.00
2 Spare Tires	35.00
2 Folding Stretchers	60.00
1 Orthopatic Stretcher	60.00
2 First Aid Kits	10.00
2 Flame Proof Blankets	90.00
5 Pillows	12.50
30 Pillow Cases	22.50
30 Sheets	37.50
20 Blankets	100.00
E & J Resuscitator	650.00
2 Puritan Oxifier Unit	330.00

Respectfully submitted,

OSWALD MEUNIER,
Chief of Fire Department.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Southbridge, Mass.

The Board of Health met on March 5, 1953 and organized as follows: Dr. Raymond F. Haling, Chairman; Dr. Armand Degrenier, Clerk, and Mr. Henry Demers, Publicity Chairman.

During the year 12 regular, 3 special and 2 public meetings were held.

At the meeting of March 5, Mr. Arthur Ballard and Mr. Bernard Allard were appointed temporary Plumbing Inspectors.

During the year a chest X-ray survey was conducted in Southbridge. At this time the Board wishes to thank General Chairman Mrs. Walter Stewart and her committees for the splendid and very efficient manner in which she and her committees so kindly served.

A more detailed account of the X-ray survey will be found in the report of the Board of Health Nurse.

During the year various health meetings were attended by the Nurse, Board Members and the Agent.

We wish to thank all the Citizens who have cooperated and assisted the Department in any way.

Respectfully submitted,
RAYMOND F. HALING, M.D.,
ARMAND DEGRENIER, D.M.D.,
HENRY DEMERS, P.H.G.

REPORT OF AGENT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

As agent of the Board of Health for 1953, I herewith submit the following list of contagious diseases reported to this office:

Chicken Pox	122
Dog Bite	33
Mumps	1
German Measles	1
Measles	2
Meningococcal	2
Scarlet Fever	11
Tuberculosis	9
Whooping Cough	7
Diphtheria	1
Total	189

List of deaths for 1953 for which this office issued permits
for burial:

Rheumatic Heart	1
Arteriosclerotic	17
Chronic Myocarditis	2
Congestive Heart Failure	4
Coronary Occlusion	11
Coronary Thrombosis	42
Hypertensive Heart Disease	6
Unknown	1
Lupus Erythematosus	1
Myocardial Infarct	4
Cerebral Vascular Thrombosis	5
Cerebral Embolism	2
Cerebral Hemorrhage	16
Cerebral Thrombosis	13
Respiratory Failure	1
Hypostatic Pneumonia	8
Diabetic Coma	1
Pulmonary Embolism	4
Myocardial Failure	2
Pulmonary Edema	5
Chronic Myocarditis	3
Lobar Pneumonia	2
Bronchial Pneumonia	2
Acute Liver Failure	1
Carcinoma of Ovary	2
Carcinoma of Intestine	2
Carcinoma of the Rectum	1
Carcinoma of the Breast	2
Carcinoma of the Pancreas	1
Carcinoma of the Liver	2
Carcinoma of the Sigmoid	1
Carcinoma of the Stomach	3
Cancer of the Bladder	2
Cancer of the Prostate	3
Cancer of the Esophagus	1
Cancer of Colon	1
Intestinal Obstruction	1
Fracture of Left Hip	1
Cardio Vascular Renal Disease	1
Fractured Spine	1
Uremia	1
Chronic Myocarditis	1
Cancer of Lung	2
Accidental Drowning	1
Asphyxia	1
Bilateral Plural Effusion	1
Cardio Vascular Renal Disease	1

Suicide	1
Prematurity	8
Stillborn	6
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Total	202

As temporary milk and food inspector, I issued one hundred seventy-four Milk, Cream and Oleomargarine Licenses.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST TETREAULT.

REPORT OF THE PODIATRIST

To the Board of Health Physician

Dear Sir:

Herewith I submit my report on the examination of the feet of the Parochial School Children.

Examination was made of the Eighth, Sixth, Fourth and Second Grades in all schools and of those with defects in previous examination who are now in the odd grades. Total examined: 495 and 124.

Following is a classification of defects found in the examination:

Posture	7
Skin Disorders	74
Orthopedic Conditions	96
Nail Disorders	36
Hygiene	19

A program of public health, such as the school examinations, is especially concerned with the prevention of disease, i.e., prevention either in the primary sense of preventing the occurrence of a disease or condition, or in the secondary sense of preventing progression of the disease or condition from an early stage to a more severe and intractable one. It is the application of the old adage: "A stitch in time . . ."

Primary prevention of foot conditions, therefore, would consist in sound advice on prophylactic care of the feet and the need for developing good habits of hygiene and foot care.

Secondary prevention of foot conditions entails the recognition and early care of incipient diseases, weaknesses and malformations, which if allowed to develop, eventually mature into disabling and serious conditions which frequently prove troublesome and require prolonged care.

That, in substance, is what we are trying to accomplish. The steady decrease in foot disorders since this program was

instituted in 1945 is evidence of its worth in the promotion of better foot health for our children.

I wish to thank the Board of Health Nurse, Miss Houle; the school authorities, personnel, and the parents of the children for their splendid cooperation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT W. DeJORDY, D.S.C.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF PAROCHIAL SCHOOL CHILDREN

Notre Dame

Grades 2, 4, 6 and 8	286
Grade 1, 3, 5 and 7	65
Total	351

Defects:

Enlarged Tonsils	15
Carious Teeth	43
Acne	14
Posture	1
Ear Conditions	1
Eye Squint	1
Heart Condition	1
Enlarged Cenical Glands	1
Number Notices Sent	22

Ste. Jeanne d'Arc School

Grades 2, 4, 6 and 8	128
Grades 1, 3 and 7	24
Total	152

Defects:

Enlarged Tonsils	15
Carious Teeth	42
Acne	5
Adenoids (nose conditions)	9
Number of Notices Sent	27

St. Mary's

Grades 2, 4, 6 and 8	89
Grades 1, 3, 5 and 7	16
Total	105

Defects:

Enlarged Tonsils	5
Carious Teeth	16

Acne	6
Eye Correction with Glasses	9
Tonsils Removed	3
Number of Notices Sent	11

Respectfully submitted,
RAYMOND F. HALING, M.D.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH NURSE

To The Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

I herewith submit my report as Board of Health Nurse, for the year ending December 31, 1953.

The community chest X-ray was the outstanding achievement of the year, sponsored by the Board of Health, in cooperation with the State Department of Public Health and the Southern Worcester County Health Association. The aim of the project was to X-ray all persons fifteen years of age and over, as a case finding survey, as well as a preventive measure against tuberculosis. This sort of thorough check-up is the only absolute method of stamping out tuberculosis. A few facts may go a long way in preventing the needless spread of the disease. First and foremost it should be impressed upon the citizens, that tuberculosis is not an hereditary disease. It is catching and is spread through contact with a carrier of the germ. Tuberculosis detected in time is curable.

The chest X-ray program extended from March 30th to May 1st. The mobile unit moved from one location to another in order to accommodate employees in industries, as well as the school children and the home folks. Eight thousand six hundred and fifty-three persons were X-rayed, representing seventy-six percent of the eligible population. One hundred and eighty of this group reported for retakes, at the special clinics scheduled on the following dates: April 29th, May 18th, May 25th and June 1st.

Tuberculosis Clinics

The facilities of the Worcester County Tuberculosis Sanatorium have been available to anyone in this community, for chest X-ray and examination. Clinics were scheduled for each week on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 10:30 a. m. This is a service sponsored by the State Department of Public Health, to assist the physicians to confirm their diagnosis, and to stimulate individuals to follow up the doctor's recommendations.

Eighty-two patients reported, forty-four in this group were

contacts to positive cases of tuberculosis, twenty-two were X-rayed twice. A total of eighteen patients were treated in four sanatoria, during the year.

Dental Clinic

Five hundred and thirty-seven children from the first four grades, reported to the dental clinics during the year. Four hundred and sixty had their teeth cleaned, plus three hundred and twenty-seven fillings. Four clinic periods were scheduled for examining the children's teeth in the classrooms. The results of the screening, enabled us to select the children who needed immediate attention. Although we have sixty-four clinics during the school year, it's impossible to complete all the necessary work, for each to have the requirements essential to be awarded a dental certificate.

Immunization Clinics

The immunization clinics for the prevention of diphtheria, tetanus, and whooping-cough for school and pre-school children were scheduled as follows: Jan. 20th, Feb. 17th, March 17th and April 14th. Each child must receive a series of three inoculations to attain a fair degree of immunity. After this immunity is maintained a certain length of time, a booster dose is given of the prescribed antigen, according to the child's age.

Although we planned four clinics, in order to give each one an opportunity to miss a clinic if necessary, we always have a certain number who need just one more injection to complete the series. Due to bad weather the majority of a scheduled group failed to report for a last injection. In order to complete our program, the Board of Health doctor arranged to have the children report to his office for the final dose. One hundred and eighteen had the three injections and two hundred and twenty-one had a booster dose.

Pre-School Registration

Registration of pre-school children took place in the Town Hall, May 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th, from 1 to 5 p. m. The personnel consisted of four typists, students from Mary E. Wells High School, four directors from the Visiting Nurse Association, and four nurses. Each child was weighed and measured, his disease and personal history was recorded, and the parents advised to make an appointment with their own family physician, or the school physician, for a physical examination.

An entirely new type of record was used this year, designed by the Departments of Public Health and Education. In fact, each student will have two records, one for the medical and nursing personnel, and one for the family physician's report of the school health examination. Three hundred and seventy-eight were registered, two hundred and eighty-one for kinder-

garten, ninety-seven for the first grade, this includes public and parochial school pupils.

The parochial school physician examined six hundred and eight pupils in the 2nd, 4th, 6th, and 8th grades in St. Marys', Notre Dame and Ste. Jeanne d'Arc, also the children in the odd grades with defects previously noted from last year. Home visits were made, whenever necessary to assist parents with the correction of defects.

A hearing test was conducted in St. Mary's and Notre Dame Schools, with the new Maico (F-1) audiometer, an instrument designed especially for school work. Since the success of the tests depends a great deal on the silence of the immediate environment, it is necessary to do this work in a separate room.

Two hundred and twenty-one pupils, the total enrollment in St. Mary's were tested, and five hundred and fifteen in Notre Dame, this includes all the pupils with the exception of the kindergarten, first and second grades.

Dr. Robert DeJordy, podiatrist, examined the pupils in all the parochial schools. Separate notices of defects were sent to the parents.

Due to our extensive chest X-ray program this year, it was impossible to send a group of children to the Sterling Health Camp.

The Lion's Club provided funds to supply milk for sixty-three parochial school children. As far as we know, the group selected are children who need a mid-morning lunch.

The Hyland Nursery and Kindergarten and the Southbridge Nursery Kindergarten schools were inspected twice during the year. The total enrollment is sixty, thirty-five in the Southbridge Nursery Kindergarten, and twenty-five in the Hyland Nursery and Kindergarten. Both schools were in excellent condition, and complied with all the requirements.

Home visits were made whenever necessary for instruction on precautions, for the care of patients ill with communicable diseases.

At this time, I wish to thank all organizations and individuals, who cooperated and assisted in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE C. HOULE, R.N.,
Board of Health Nurse.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

This is my report of slaughtering for the year 1953:

Hogs	Lambs	Goats	Cattle	Calves	Steers
16	2	1	1	13	2

Total—35.

I inspected these animals and stamped same, in the course of slaughtering I made 32 trips to Mr. E. Donais' slaughter house and three trips to Mr. Adolphe Routhier's.

Respectfully submitted,

ALCIDE FOURNIER,
Inspector of Slaughtering.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

To the Honorable Board of Health

Gentlemen:

During the year, the following plumbing fixtures and appliances were installed:

Water Closets	103
Lavatories	117
Bath Tubs	94
Kitchen Sinks	89
Laundry Trays	16
Sink and Tray Combinations	7
Shower Stalls	9
Urinal	1
Garbage Grinders	4
Clothes Washing Machines	11
Dish Washing Machines	3
Bar and Soda Fountain Sink	1
Indirect and Tankless Water Heaters	16
Gas, Oil and Electric Water Heaters	34
Hot Water Coils	2
Hot Water Tanks (Range Boilers)	23
Floor Drains	2
Utility Sink	1
Refrigerator Drains	2

Total Fixtures and Appliances	535
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In addition 31 connections were made to public sewers.

Where no public sewers were available 4 cesspools were constructed and 14 septic tanks were installed with drainage fields.

Number of Permits Granted	131
Number of Inspections	292
Number of Water Tests	62
Unfinished Jobs on Dec. 31, 1953	7

Respectfully submitted,
ARTHUR O. BALLARD,
Inspector of Plumbing.

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

I hereby submit my report as Sanitary Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1953.

I received, during the year 41 complaints; all were investigated.

Permits and Licenses Issued:

Day School	1
Boarding for the Aged	1
Vapor Bath	2
Convalescent and Nursing Home	1
Slaughter House	2
Funeral Director	5
Anti-Freeze	41
Total	<hr/> 53

Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST TETREAULT,
Sanitary Inspector.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

The wiring permits issued were as follows:

New Buildings	61
Remodeling and additions to all ready erected buildings	22
Additions to old wiring	204
Oil Burners	112

Electric Ranges	111
Electric Hot Water Heaters	20
Miscellaneous	19
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Total Permits Issued	549
Inspections While Work Is In Progress	934
Recommendation to Change Wiring	33

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE A. BACHAND,
Inspector of Wires.

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

Herewith I submit my report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1953.

On behalf of the Police Department, I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for the splendid cooperation received from your Honorable Board, all other Town Departments, the members of the Auxiliary Police whom have donated so generously of their time to the public service of the Town, the parents and members of the School Safety Patrol and the Citizens of our Community in the year 1953.

Arrests for Crimes, Miscellaneous

Breaking and Entering and Larceny	5
Larceny and Attempt	3
Malicious Mischief (3 Juveniles)	4
Trespass	1
Adultery (2 Females)	4
Town By-Law	1
Delinquency	3
Deserter from Army, Navy, Marines	2
Disturbance of Public Peace (1 Female)	2
Operating so as to Endanger	4
Operating Under the Influence of Liquor (1 Female)	8
Drunkenness (5 Females)	148
Lewd Cohabitation (1 Female)	2
Violation of Lord's Day	2
Violation of Motor Vehicle Laws	96
Neglect, Desertion, Non-Support (1 Female)	5
Violations of Traffic Rules	111
Tramps, Vagabonds, Vagrants	5

Truancy	1
Carrying Dangerous Weapon	1
Violation of Court Order	5
Leaving Scene of Accident	5
Total Arrests	(11 Females, 3 Juveniles) 418

Miscellaneous

Persons Reported Missing and Located	(1 Female) 4
Not Located	1
Radio Calls Sent Out	560
Parking Violation Summonses Issued	286
Night Lodging to Travelers	30
Property Reported Stolen	(Not Recovered) 2
Doors and Windows Found Unlocked and Open	498
Bicycles Reported Stolen and Recovered	17
Permits Issued to Carry Firearms	187
Permits Issued to Purchase Firearms	10
Motor Vehicle Operators' Licenses	
Recommended Suspended	23
Business, Residences Checked by Cruiser's Officers	14,537
Entertainment Permits Issued	200
Permits Issued to Work Lord's Day, Holidays	49
Persons Committed, Insanity	22
Sudden Deaths Investigated	1
Sound Truck Permits Issued	27
Motorists Checked by Police Officers	614

Disposed of as follows:

To Out of State, Town Operators	212
Summonses issued local motorists	13
Defective equipment tickets issued	14
No inspection stickers	3
Property Damage Accidents Reported	103
Warnings to Local Operators	90
Arrests, All Motorists	136
Summonses Issued out of State, Town	25
Courtesy Cards to Out of State Operators	112
Personal Injury Accidents Reported	32
Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Coasters Injred by Autos	23
Parking Meters in Use	302
Monies Collected \$18,947.43	

Respectfully submitted,

OVIDE A. DESROSIERS,
Chief of Police.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen.

Dear Sirs:

This is the Building Inspector's Report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

This office issued 111 permits for the year as follows:

New houses for a total of	\$459,750.00
Garage and Storage Buildings	36,800.00
Alterations and Additions	8,300.00
Manufacturing Plants	69,000.00
Farm Buildings	17,000.00
Business Buildings	34,000.00
Trailers	4,700.00
Total	<hr/> \$629,650.00

This allows for 58 rents.

There were 8 restricted buildings demolished, totaling 12 rents, thereby leaving only 46 new rents.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND A. DARTT,
Building Inspector.

REPORT OF TOWN ENGINEER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit the following report of the work accomplished by the Engineering Department for the year of 1953.

New Construction — Planned, Laid Out, Inspection

- 1 Elm Street Resurfacing — Contract, J. J. Doyle Company.
- 2 Edward Street Reconstruction—Contract, Leo Construction Company.
- 3 Crane Street Reconstruction—Contract, Ciesla Brothers, Incorporated.
- 4 Union Street Reconstruction—Contract, Ciesla Brothers, Incorporated.
- 5 Charlton Street Reconstruction—Contract, Leo Construction Company.

- 6 Coombs Street Reconstruction—Contract, Ciesla Brothers, Incorporated.
- 7 East Main Street Drain and Curb—Contract, Trahan Brothers.
- 8 Henry Street Field Drain—Contract, State.
- 9 Cross Street Reconstruction—Contract, Ciesla Brothers, Incorporated.
- 10 Cross Street Surfacing—Contract, J. J. Doyle Company.
- 11 East Main Street Sidewalk—Contract, Trahan Brothers.
- 12 Foster Street Retaining Wall—Contract, Trahan Brothers.
- 13 Alumni Field Drain—Contract, Trahan Brothers.
- 14 Swimming Pool Circle—Contract, Ciesla Brothers, Incorporated.
- 15 Coombs Street Sewer—Contract, Ciesla Brothers, Incorporated.
- 16 Worcester Street Drain—Highway Department.
- 17 Roosevelt Drive Drain—Highway Department.
- 18 Woodycrest Avenue Drain—Highway Department.
- 19 Hook Street Culvert, Repairs—Highway Department.
- 20 South Street Repairs—Highway Department.
- 21 2nd Reservoir Dam Repairs—Highway Department.
- 22 Westville Bridge Repairs—Highway Department.
- 23 Blackmer Road, Widening—Highway Department.
- 24 Town Hall Roof Repairs—Contract, Al Melanson Inc.
- 25 Town Hall Painting—Contract, Southbridge Paint Co.

New Streets Laid Out

Hook Street (not accepted)	Green Street
Langlois Avenue	Margaret Street
Golf Street (not accepted)	Field Street
Cole Avenue	Jennison Street

Investigations

1 Locate Sewer Lines:

Elm Street	Spring Street
Pine Street	Fiske Street
Mill Street	Main Street
Edwards Street	East Main Street
Hill Street	Proulx Avenue
Marcy Street	Ashland Avenue
Hartwell Street	Randolph Street
	Liberty Street

2 Drainage:

Eastford Road	Charlton Street and Guelph
Worcester Street	Woods Road
Windsor Court	Dennison Drive
Glover Street	Moon Street
Charlton Street (3)	Dresser Street Field
	Highland Street Extension

3 Street Bounds Set:

Adeline Street (2)
Belmont Street (3)
Cole Avenue (4)
Columbia Street (1)
Corriveau Avenue (2)
Field Street (2)
Faulkner Avenue (1)
Green Street (2)
Hartwell Terrace (2)

Hudson Avenue (3)
Jennison Street (6)
Langlois Avenue (2)
Lebanon Hill (1)
Lyons Street (2)
Margaret Street (2)
Morris Street (2)
Roosevelt Drive (1)

4 Pole Locations:

Hillside Road
Roosevelt Drive (8)
Carpenter Pond

Green Street
Field Street
Edwards Street

5 Street Lines:

Hamilton Street
Mill Street
Main Street
Central Street
East Main Street
Wall Street
Snow Street
Worcester Street
Hartwell Street
Woody Crest Avenue

Roosevelt Drive
Old Sturbridge Road
North Woodstock Road
Forest Avenue
Hudson Avenue
Elm Street
Cliff Street
Litchfield Avenue
School Street
Hillside Road

Other Miscellaneous Investigations

- 1 Articles for Town Meetings.
- 2 House Numbers — Lebanon Hill.
- 3 Comfort Station (R. R. Station).
- 4 Accident (Personal Injury on East Main Street).
- 5 Bridges at Sandersdale.
- 6 Traffic signs on East Main — Mechanic Rotary.
- 7 Accident — on Mechanic Street.
- 8 Check ice on swimming pool for skating (10).
- 9 R. R. sign on Central Street.
- 10 LeRoy Briggs — Corner Hook to Hamilton.
- 11 Plans for School Committee of all school properties.
- 12 Subdivision of town into voting precincts.
- 13 Estimate of cost to repair Elm Street (Duff Contract).
- 14 LeRoy Briggs case (Quincy, Mass.).
- 15 Check gravel banks (3).
- 16 Mechanic Street bridge (deck).
- 17 Court case (Duff vs Town of Southbridge — gravel).
- 18 East Main Street bridges—(Conditions of walks).
- 19 Plans for stop signs (8).
- 20 Wardwell Court wall.

- 21 Off-street parking areas—Plans and estimates.
- 22 West Street sidewalks.
- 23 Chapter 90 hearing (Worcester).
- 24 Eastford Road and Charlton Street School (Grading of play areas).
- 25 Plan of tax title land (Moon and Worcester Streets).
- 26 Town Infirmary—(Drainage).
- 27 Chapter 90 Land Damages.
- 28 House numbers (96).

All excess excavated material from the various streets reconstructed was put to use as follows:

- 1 2494 cu. yds went to Alumni and West Street Fields.
- 2 3775 cu. yds. went to the 2nd Reservoir for the building of a road to the dam.
- 3 3573 cu. yds. went to Henry Street Field.
- 4 1767 cu. yds. went to Town Dump for road to water hole and leveling dumping area.

The amount of money voted this year for extra help made it possible to give better supervision to all projects without restricting time on other requests made on this department. It also made it possible to set bounds on streets voted and on some streets that had never been bounded, which is required by law.

All work this year was done with the full cooperation of the Highway Department and the Board of Selectmen, which resulted in better work and a great saving to the Town of Southbridge.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of your board and other boards, committees, and departments, for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. RACICOT,
Town Engineer.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Sirs:

I hereby submit the report of the Department of Weights and Measures for the year 1953.

The amount of fees collected for the Town was the largest ever. Total revenue from this department was \$472.90.

The total number of inspections, tests, retests, and investigations amount to 3443.

Scales	Adjusted	Sealed	Not Sealed
Over 10,000 lbs.	1	6	
Over 100 to 5,000 lbs.	4	106	
Under 100 lbs.	3	218	
Weights		401	
Yard Sticks		20	
Liquid Measures		68	
Gas Meters	10	80	1
Vehicle Meters	4	33	
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Total	21	932	1

Weighing and Inspections

	Tested	Correct	Under	Over
Bread	207	185	5	17
Butter	160	160		
Confection.	135	135		
Dry Commodities	72	72		
Flour	132	124	8	
Fruits & Veg.	155	133	15	7
Lard	60	57		3
Meat & Prov.	160	150	7	10
Potatoes	207	168	18	21
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	1288	1184	53	51

Other Inspections

Paper Cartons	8
Peddlers Licenses	34
Milk Jars	40
Bread Markings	207
Food Packages	754
Wholesale Milk Jars	15
Clinical Themometers	14
Peddler's Seals	6
Ice Cream Cans	6
Oil Jars	120
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Special Tests Made

Retest Gas	7
Berry Baskets	6
Oil Jars	6

Respectfully submitted,
 GERARD R. LARIVIERE,
 Sealer.

DEPT. OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

Civil Defense can be defined as the protection of the home front by civilians acting under civil authority to minimize casualties and war damage and preserve maximum civilian support of the war effort. It must have the cooperation of the individual, the family, the neighborhood, community, nearby cities and towns, the State and the Federal Government.

During 1953, such cooperation suddenly appeared after the disastrous tornado struck our neighboring city of Worcester. It was this catastrophe that made us realize that civil defense is not only a "war time effort" but can also be used to great advantage in any case of emergency.

A portable Handie-Talkie has been added to our Civilian Defense equipment and is operated on the same frequency of the Police Radio Transmitter. One hundred and eight litters, as well as two sets of Civil Defense First Aid Station equipment, have been donated by the State Civil Defense and are stored for use in any emergency at Police Headquarters and at the Glob Fire Station. These First Aid sets contain all needed medical supplies from collapsible paper cups to surgical instruments and dressings. The Quinebaug Valley Radio Club, with headquarters at the Harrington Home, have been incorporated into civil defense and have taken part in the recent Command Post Exercises conducted throughout the State, and personally commended for a job well done by John F. Stokes, Director of the State Civil Defense.

At this time, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Mr. Jesse Blackburn and Mr. Ted Lewis of the American Optical Co. for their help in organizing industrial plant security which may be made available to Civil Defense and to all persons and civic groups that have shown an interest in furthering the aims of Civil Defense in our town of Southbridge.

Respectfully submitted,

OVIDE A. DESROSIERS
Director.

VETERAN'S SERVICE CENTER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

This department is pleased to submit for your consideration its eighth report concerning its activities. During the

course of the year, we have had veterans of the Town of South-bridge and their dependents avail themselves of the following services:

Allotment or Allowance	9
Burial	11
Civil Service	15
Compensation	32
Discharge Copy Record	26
Education, Training, Rehabilitation	68
Flags	7
Hospitalization	59
Income Questionnaire	39
Insurance	34
Korean Vet's Bonus	257
Medical - Dental	242
Notarization	329
Pay, Combat	4
Pensions	30
Photostat	361
Selective Service	45
Social Security	9
Tax Abatement	115
Veterans' Administration	2107
Unemployment Compensation	260

Veterans' Benefits:

Permanent Cases	40
Temporary Cases	59

During the past year, services rendered to veterans and veterans' dependents have been many and varied. Since most veterans' matters pertain to allowable benefits under the G. I. Bill of Rights which come under the supervision of the Veterans Administration, this office acted as a sort of medium between the veteran and that office, aiding him in filing and properly presenting all sorts of claims with the Veterans Administration; gathering important and necessary information needed to support these claims; preparing their eligibility for education and training under this Bill; straightening out the many financial subsistence problems which occur; forming On-The-Job Training programs; applying for Government Insurance; obtaining hospitalization and medical-dental treatment; obtaining all kinds of information from the Veterans Administration and other Governmental and State Departments; and interpreting veterans' laws. As agent of this department I have received great pleasure in the task of aiding and assisting all veterans and veterans' dependents who have requested assistance on their particular problem from this office.

During the past year, our work for local veterans and their families has been instrumental in getting financial assistance from the State and Federal government to a great amount.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all Town Departments, Worcester Office of the Veterans' Administration, Webster Office of the Division of Employment Security, Officials at Holyoke Soldier's Home, Cushing V. A. Hospital and Boston V. A. Hospital, local industries and all others with whose co-operation the services of this department were carried out.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL H. BENOIT,
Director.

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen.

Gentlemen:

Following is our annual report on Recreation in the Town of Southbridge. It is divided into four separate reports submitted by the Chairman of each recreational area for the sake of clarity.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK P. SKINYON, Chairman,
JOSEPH DUFFY, Co-Chairman.

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REPORT OF DRESSER STREET FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE

To the Chairman of the Recreation Committee:

Dresser Street Field opened about the first of April this year and was quickly brought into condition for the beginning of the Summer program of Recreation. Mary E. Wells and Cole Trade High School used the field on an alternate week schedule for practice and scheduled games. The newly formed Notre Dame varsity baseball team used the field on some afternoons and a few Saturday mornings.

The field was used every school day in the afternoon by some school team from about the middle of May until the end of June.

The diamond will be used by three varsity school teams in the future during week-day afternoons. There is room for greater use of the big diamond mornings, Saturdays and Sundays.

Track

The track was used for Mary E. Wells track events as were the broad jump pit, the shot put court and the high jump area in the Spring. In the Fall the track was used by both Wells High and Trade High for practice and for conducting their cross-country events. There were three track meets held on the field, and about four or five cross-country events.

We have received complaints about the condition of the track as rain keeps washing up large cinders. It will be necessary very soon to do a major job of reconditioning the entire track.

Tennis

The tennis courts were available and were used strictly on a recreational basis throughout the summer. No town tournaments were conducted this year. However, the courts were used extensively by the Mary E. Wells girls for instruction in tennis.

Basketball

The regular scheduled basketball league was conducted again this year. This league consists of about 40 games which are played from 6:30 p. m. until dark. The court was used from 7:30 a. m. until darkness every day from the time the field was opened until it was closed.

Little League

Little League was conducted for the third year, playing about 48 games in its regular schedule. Little Bigger League was added this year to the program at Dresser Field. They played a complete schedule of about 36 games which started at 6:00 p. m. A new back stop and a new diamond were built at the field for this added sport.

General

The field was used generally for all sorts of purposes of a recreational or athletic nature. The Central Massachusetts Musicians put on a musicale during the year; the cheering squad from Wells High practiced there; various town athletes used it for conditioning work; horse shoes, volleyball and running were in progress most of the time. It is fast getting to be household information that if you want to find some activity, go to Dresser Field.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH DUFFY, Chairman,
NORMAN STAVES, Co-Chairman,
WILLARD STARK,
ALFRED FERRON,
LEWIS KYRIOS,
LORENZO BEAUPRE.

HENRY STREET REPORT

Activities

The softball area was used by the Community League on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays and the Industrial League played their games on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the evening from June to October, which included playoffs in early October. This area was also used by independent teams on Saturdays and Sundays. Approximately 100 or more games of softball were played on Henry Street Field in 1953.

A volleyball court was installed with 400 hours of activities on this court. A basketball court, partially completed, saw many hours of basket shooting. A ping pong table with service of another 400 hours or more was insufficient for the need of waiting participants. Six swings were in actual use from early morning to dusk.

A huge sand box for very young children kept these youngsters busy about 1,000 hours.

Quoits or 1 court was installed, as well as 2 horseshoe courts, which served all ages.

Henry Street Field had supervision every day, Monday through Friday, from 3:00 to 8:30 p. m.

A water line was installed to supply water through a bubbler for sports participants.

A tool and storage shed was newly built.

We see the need of more ping pong tables, completion of basketball court, and an extra sand box, spectators seating facilities and at least 2 extra sections of swings. This area should be kept in operation as a playground as well as an athletic field for some time to come.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS E. BRUNELL,
FRANCIS ASHE,
LEO LEBOEUF,
Henry St. Recreation Committee.

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SWIMMING POOL

Report to the General Chairman of the
Recreation Committee.

Dear Sir:

At your request, I am submitting my sixth annual report on the activities of the swimming pool for 1953.

Attendance

From June 21 to August 30, a total of 24,000 persons used

the pool's facilities: 2700, June; 14,800, July; 6500, August. Average daily attendance—334.

Rescues

Too much emphasis cannot be placed on the absolute necessity for appointing competent, efficient, and responsible lifeguards to supervise water activities. Fourteen children were helped to shore by the lifeguards. Many of these cases could have become fatal had it not been for the efficient supervision of the lifeguard staff.

Instruction

The Red Cross Swimming Program, under the direction of Miss Helen Boucher, offered over 200 children the opportunity for instruction in swimming and life-saving during regular morning classes at the pool. Such formal programs, together with the daily informal instruction given by members of the staff, will do much to develop stronger and more skillful swimmers in Southbridge.

Health and Safety

In order to provide safe water for bathers, two methods of control over bacterial growth were used: continuous flow of water from the second reservoir and chlorination. When these two methods are scientifically manipulated, any existing fear of pollution may be dispelled.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you and your committee for the fine cooperation we received from you during the swimming season. It is always a pleasure to work with men who are so deeply interested in promoting better recreational facilities for our town.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD DESROCHES,
Swimming Pool Supervisor.

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ALUMNI FIELD

Report to the General Chairman of the
Recreation Committee.

Dear Sir:

Alumni Field was used on an alternate week schedule for Mary E. Wells and Cole Trade High School baseball teams for both practice and scheduled games. Notre Dame used the field for some of its team's practice. It was used by the Parochial League for baseball practice and games.

The Grade Schools used it for baseball games and foot-

ball. The softball area was used extensively this year by the Industrial Softball League, who played about one-third of its scheduled games there.

Respectfully submitted,

EARL WONDERLIE, Chairman
RAYMOND A. DARTT,
DONA BEAULIEU.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

I wish to submit the following report as Collector of Taxes for Southbridge from January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953.

Taxes: Levy of 1951

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1953		\$ 3,345.02
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 3,319.73	
Abated	14.05	
Outstand. Dec. 31, 1953	11.24	\$ 3,345.02
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Taxes: Levy of 1952

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1953		\$ 38,555.62
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 35,263.74	
Abated	18.00	
Outstand. Dec. 31, 1953	3,273.88	\$ 38,555.62
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Taxes: Levy of 1953

Commitments from Assessors, Jan. 1, 1953		\$927,966.59
Payments to Treasurer	\$886,764.52	
Tax Title	86.94	
Abatements	11,455.09	
Outstand. Dec. 31, 1953	29,921.84	
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Refunds		\$ 261.80
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		\$927,966.59
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Excise Taxes: Levy of 1952

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1953			\$ 4,115.26
Commitments from Assessors			7,601.84
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			\$ 11,717.10
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 10,973.59		
Abated	854.91		
Outstand. Dec. 31, 1953	60.31		
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	\$ 11,888.81		
Refunds		\$ 171.71	
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Excise Taxes: Levy of 1953

Commitments from Assessors			\$ 97,202.18
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 70,552.68		
Abated	14,798.05		
Outstand. Dec. 31, 1953	13,144.91		
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	\$ 98,495.64		
Refunds		\$ 1,293.46	
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**Sewer Assessments:
Levy of 1953**

Commitments from Assessors			\$ 1,743.59
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 1,582.15		
Outstand. Dec. 31, 1953	161.44		\$ 1,743.59
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Sewer Assessment Interest:**Levy of 1953**

Commitments from Assessors			\$ 77.58
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 71.53		
Outstand. Dec. 31, 1953	6.05		\$ 77.58
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Special Sewers:

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1953			\$ 4,246.57
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 2,578.09		

Abated	262.35	
Added to Taxes	1,406.13	\$ 4,246.57
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Ambulance Department:

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1953		\$ 643.50
Commitments from Fire Dept.		2,844.00
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		\$ 3,487.50
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 2,736.00	
Abated	209.00	
Outstand. Dec. 31, 1953	647.50	
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	\$ 3,592.50	
Refunds		\$ 105.00
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		\$ 3,487.50
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Highway Department:

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1953		\$ 1,131.33
Commitment		91.95
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		\$ 1,223.28
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 1,097.28	
Outstand. Dec. 31, 1953	126.00	
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		\$ 1,223.28
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Public Welfare Department:

Commitments		\$ 7,048.08
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 5,914.17	
Outstand. Dec. 31, 1953	1,133.91	\$ 7,048.08
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Airport:

Commitments, 1949 to 1952		\$ 2,700.00
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 50.00	
Outstand. Dec. 31, 1953	2,650.00	\$ 2,700.00
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Collected on 1953		\$ 50.00
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School Department:

Commitments		\$ 34,215.24
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 31,879.76	
Outstand. Dec. 31, 1953	2,335.48	\$ 34,215.24
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Interests:**Cost and Assessments:**

Real Estate, 1951	\$ 201.71	
Personal, 1951	3.87	
Real Estate, 1952	778.21	
Personal, 1952	99.96	
Poll, 1952 .....	.07	
Excise, 1952	32.06	
Real Estate, 1953	72.19	
Personal, 1953	5.66	
Poll, 1953	1.69	
Excise, 1953	10.37	
Interest on Special		
Sewer, 1953	6.02	
Court Costs on Ambulance	5.60	\$ 1,217.41
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Grand Total Collected During 1953 \$1,053,968.62

I wish to thank the townspeople and various town officials
for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH M. DUHAMEL,
Tax Collector.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The Board of Public Welfare met weekly on Monday evenings at 7:00 p. m. throughout the year.

The relief programs under the direction of the Board of Public Welfare are: General Relief, Aid to Dependent Children, Old Age Assistance, and Disability Assistance.

GENERAL RELIEF

Assistance given to needy persons by local Board of Public Welfare, under Chapter 117 of the General Laws. Aid may be in cash or by actual provision of the item or service.

Caseload

	Cases	Persons
January	46	148
February	49	139
March	47	160
April	39	135
May	43	140
June	40	123
July	41	133
August	35	131
September	43	134
October	42	130
November	45	159
December	47	185

Expenses and Reimbursements

1953

Total Cost	\$ 24,021.24
State Reimbursement	3,898.78
Cities and Towns Reimbursement	1,946.90
Refunds	83.40
Total Reimbursements	5,929.08
Net cost to Town	18,092.16
Average net cost to Town monthly	1,507.68
Average net cost to Town monthly per person	10.54

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the Mother's Club, the Elks, Salvation Army, Bob's Service Station, Western Auto, various Scout groups, the various persons who wish to remain anonymous, for their generous donations at Christmas time and the various organizations who helped throughout the year to provide extras to the needy children of the community.

We also wish to express our thanks to the Southbridge

Evening News for their cooperation with the Christmas program.

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

A public assistance program established under Chapter 118 of the General Laws, under which cash allowances are provided for children who are living in a home maintained by their father, mother or other relative when death, long term illness or some other factor has deprived the child of the normal support or care of either his father or mother. Cash allowances are based upon a mandatory State Standard Budget. Under this program, cities and towns receive State and Federal reimbursements.

Caseload				
	No. of Cases	New and Reopened	Closed	No. of Children
January	25	—	—	60
February	24	2	3	60
March	24	1	1	60
April	25	1	—	64
May	23	—	2	60
June	22	—	1	55
July	23	1	—	56
August	23	2	2	56
September	22	—	1	55
October	24	3	1	57
November	22	—	2	55
December	25	4	1	63

Expenses and Reimbursements 1953

Total Cost	\$ 35,742.52
Federal Reimbursement	14,051.41
State Reimbursement	12,690.54
Refunds	269.10
Total Reimbursement	27,011.05
Net Cost to Town	8,731.47
Average net cost to Town monthly	727.62
Average net cost to Town monthly per case	30.32
Average number of cases monthly	24
Average number of eligible parents	22
Average number of eligible children monthly	59

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

A program of Public Assistance, established by Chapter 118-A of the General Laws, under which cash allowances are

provided for elderly persons (65 years of age or over and citizens of the United States) who are in need. Cash allowances are based upon a mandatory State Standard Budget. Under this program, cities and towns receive State and Federal reimbursements.

Caseload					
	No. of Cases	New	Medical Only	Closed	Total Cases
January	325	3	4	5	327
February	323	2	2	4	323
March	321	1	1	—	323
April	322	3	2	4	323
May	321	4	2	1	326
June	324	5	2	8	323
July	321	2	3	4	322
August	319	6	4	7	322
September ..	318	2	3	5	318
October	315	4	5	4	320
November	315	1	4	6	314
December	310	4	3	7	314

Expenses and Reimbursements 1953

Total Cost	\$234,831.53
Federal Reimbursement	113,705.54
State Reimbursement	81,837.36
Cities and Towns Reimbursement	3,125.79
Meal Tax	5,216.87
Refunds	1,158.90
Total Reimbursements	205,044.46
Net Cost to Town	29,787.07
Average net cost to Town monthly	2,482.25
Average net cost to Town monthly per case	7.73
Average number of cases per month	321

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

A program of public assistance established by Chapter 118-D of the General Laws, under which cash allowances are provided for needy persons found to be permanently disabled and medically unemployable. In order to be eligible for assistance under this program, a person must be 18 years of age or over. Cash allowances are based upon a mandatory State Standard Budget. Under this program, cities and towns receive State and Federal reimbursements.

Caseload

	No. of Cases	New and Reopened	Closed
January	17	—	—
February	18	1	—
March	19	1	—
April	20	1	—
May	21	1	—
June	19	—	2
July	21	2	—
August	21	—	—
September	21	1	1
October	20	—	1
November	20	—	—
December	21	1	—

Expenses and Reimbursements 1953

Total Cost	\$ 16,203.93
State Reimbursement	4,672.50
Federal Reimbursement	8,743.57
Refunds	67.85
Total Reimbursements	13,483.92
Net Cost to Town	2,720.01
Average net cost to Town monthly	266.67
Average net cost to Town monthly per case	11.33
Average number of cases per month	20

INFIRMARY

The Infirmary is under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dowling.

We have averaged 12 inmates a month through the year at a cost of \$10.89 a week per inmate.

We wish to express our thanks to West Street and Cole Trade Schools, the Girl Scouts, and the various individuals who donated gifts to the inmates.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAS LIPPE, Chairman,
MARIE LARIVIERE, Clerk,
OVIDE DESROSIERS, Third Mem.
HERBERT H. MICHON, Welf. Agent,
Board of Public Welfare.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF JACOB EDWARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

TRUSTEES FOR THE EDWARDS BEQUEST

W. Wesley Crawford
Ellsworth D. Mitchell

Jacob K. Edwards
John O. Martin

FOR THE TOWN

Oswald J. Laliberte

Edward P. Sheehan

Dr. Nerio W. Pioppi, Chairman

LIBRARY HOURS

Open 1954:

Monday - Friday 10:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m.
Saturday 10:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m.

Closed 1954:

January 1 New Year's Day
February 22 Washington's Birthday
May 31 Memorial Day
July 5 Independence Day
September 6 Labor Day
October 12 Columbus Day
November 11 Armistice Day
November 25 Thanksgiving Day
December 25 Christmas Day

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of the Jacob Edwards Memorial Library:

As the library closes another year of service to the people of Southbridge, an examination of the events of the year show, not the growth which we usually hope to present by statistics, but changes which, it is to be hoped, will be the basis for growth in the future.

The renovation of the interior has been a great success. The new lighting system, consisting of porthole lights in the domed ceiling of the reading room, fluorescent tubes in the reference room, office and stacks, has enabled the removal of the table lamps and furnishes really adequate lighting everywhere in the affected areas. Our color scheme has been greatly admired. The bleaching and refinishing of the woodwork and furniture in a limed oak finish has afforded one of the most drastic and most admired changes. The revolving entrance

door, for forty years a source of wonder and amusement to the children of Southbridge, and of irritation to the library staff, has been replaced by a vestibule entrance with Colonial doors, styled to blend with the general appearance of the library facade. A much larger charging desk has replaced the old one, enabling the staff to handle books during rush periods with much greater ease.

Needless to say, our library activities have been somewhat curtailed by the general confusion attendant on the changes being made. The library was open for "business as usual" but extra plans were necessarily few. The annual sessions of the summer reading club were held, however, under the leadership of Miss Barrett and Mrs. Hazelton, with the help of two volunteers, Sylvia Beaudry and Joanne Roy. This year the reading tally was kept by means of leaves which were attached to a large tree poster in the children's reading room. Seventy-eight children were registered with an average attendance of forty-three.

Book Week was celebrated by a display of new books, both juvenile and adult. Movie shorts were shown three afternoons in the downstairs club room.

There have been several changes in the staff personnel during the year. In April occurred the death of Romualdo DiBonaventura, who had been janitor of the library since its establishment in the present building in 1914. He is greatly missed, as he proved himself a good friend and a loyal member of the staff. In December, Miss Barrett resigned her position as librarian. There are now two new half-time workers. Mrs. Claire Hart, who has charge of the desk in the morning, and Mrs. Ailsa Wojciechowska, who fills the same position in the afternoon.

No set program of visits by school classes was followed last year, but a comparatively large number of teachers did bring their classes to the library and were welcomed by the librarian with a story-telling period after which there was some elementary instruction as to the general use of the library facilities. Teachers and classes are always welcome. Groups of books of their own choosing are available to teachers for use in their classrooms.

In 1953 five hundred forty new borrowers were registered, one hundred seventy-six adult and three hundred sixty-four juveniles. There were nine hundred two new books added to the adult collection and three hundred fifteen new children's books. A new Encyclopedia Americana was purchased for the reference room, adding up-to-date information to an already excellent collection of reference books. To our subscription list of eight newspapers and eighty-one periodicals was added ANTIQUES, a magazine of equal interest to collectors and occasional buyers.

Reading trends will be shown in the following comparative table:

	1952	1953
General works	186	164
Philosophy	570	636
Religion	566	478
Sociology	1,325	1,175
Language	168	184
Science	644	677
Useful Arts	2,244	2,096
Fine Arts	2,092	1,725
Literature	1,912	1,405
History	1,397	1,036
Travel	1,543	1,303
Biography	2,275	1,879
Total Adult Non-Fiction	18,403	12,769
Total Adult Fiction	31,941	27,334
Current Periodicals	3,202	3,057
Pamphlets	279	279
Foreign Books	367	347
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Total Adult Circulation	50,711	43,786
Children's Books and Magazines	31,298	28,317
Pictures	198	413
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Grand Total	82,211	72,516

It will be noted that the circulation figures for the year are considerably lower than those of last year, in both adult and juvenile sections. It is to be hoped that continual improvement in television programs will eventually stimulate the desire to read, instead of substituting, as it does now, a rather doubtful form of entertainment.

The library staff greatly appreciates the consideration and cooperation of the Board of Trustees during the past year. It is the earnest desire of the staff to continue and enlarge the service of the library to the townspeople.

Statistical Record

Library	Jacob Edwards Memorial Library	
Date of founding		1871
Population served		18,000
Days open during year		304
Hours open each week		63
Number of volumes January 1, 1953		36,500
Number of volumes added		1,221
New	1,217	} Including 252 books by gifts and transfer from rental collection
Replaced	4	

Number of volumes discarded and lost	640
Number of volumes December 31, 1953	37,081
Number of registered borrowers	4,519
Number of volumes lent for home use	72,516
Largest circulation for one day	431
Smallest circulation for one day	124
Average circulation per day	240

Library Staff

Librarian	Marguerite Barrett
Reference Librarian	Hilda Heather
General Assistant	Gladys Hobson
Children's Librarian	Mary Hazelton
Janitor	Joseph Lataille

Part Time Staff

Marilyn Anderson	Ramona DiBonaventura
Elizabeth Harvey	Viola Michael
Rita Roy	Barbara St. Martin
Claire Hart	Ailsa Wojciechowska

Helen Rowley

Respectfully submitted,

HILDA T. HEATHER,
Acting Librarian.

1953 RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

1954 BUDGET ESTIMATES

		1954 Budget
Cash Balance, January 1, 1953	\$ 6,468.49	
Receipts From:		
Town Appropriation—Regular	17,674.00	
Town Appropriation—Special	1,000.00	
Mynott Fund Interest	30.00	
Trustees of Edwards Trust Fund ...	6,989.92	
Pilsudski Club Book Fund	100.00	
Cost Accountant's Association	10.00	
Transferred from Savings Account	12,832.49	
Total	\$45,104.90	
Expenditures:		
Payroll	\$13,731.12	\$14,630.00
Building Expenses	4,634.46	4,845.00

Operating Expenses	648.15	725.00
Building Maintenance	408.19	250.00
Building Repairs and Improvements	21,335.60	1,000.00
Grounds Maintenance	63.65	175.00
Books and Periodicals	2,963.46	3,300.00
Book Repairs	68.47	300.00
Equipment	212.65	400.00
Total Expenses	\$44,065.75	\$25,625.00
Transfer to Pilsudski Club Book Fund	200.00	
Total	\$44,265.75	
Cash Balance, December 31, 1953	\$ 839.15	

Represented by:

Trustee Cash	\$789.32
Mynott Fund Interest	45.39
Pilsudski Fund	4.44
	<u>\$839.15</u>

RESERVE FOR BUILDING REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS

Balance, January 1, 1953	\$21,456.31
Add:	
Interest	579.40
	<u>\$22,035.71</u>
Deduct:	
Transferred to operating account	12,832.49
Balance, December 31, 1953	<u><u>\$ 9,203.22</u></u>

PILSUDSKI CLUB BOOK FUND

Transferred from operating account	\$ 200.00
Add interest	3.27
Balance, December 31, 1953	<u><u>\$ 203.27</u></u>

The following tabulation indicates the proportion of the cost of the Library borne by the taxpayers of the Town of Southbridge:

	1953		1954	
	Budget	%	Expenditures	%
Expenses paid by the Town:				
Appropriation — Regular	\$17,674.00	72.4	\$17,674.00	40.1
Appropriation — Special	1,000.00	4.1	5,782.95	13.1
	\$18,674.00	76.5	\$23,456.95	53.2
Expenses paid by Trustee Funds:				
Edwards Trusts	5,746.00	23.5	20,600.81	46.8
Mynott Fund			5.24	
			2.75	
	\$24,420.00	100.0	\$44,065.75	100.0
			\$25,625.00	100.0

If the amount collected by the Library and in to the Town Treasurer, \$1,060.03, is taken into consideration, the net cost to the taxpayers for 1953 is \$22,396.92, or 50.8% of the total cost for the year.

Attention is called to the estimated contribution for 1954 of \$6,020.00 from Trust Funds. On this basis the Town cost will be only 76.5% of the total budget including the special appropriation of \$1,000.00.

In the interest of the public the trustees urgently recommend that the facilities of the Library be expanded through the addition of a building to be used as a Children's Library. Trustees appeared before the Southbridge Improvement Committee in 1947 and \$48,500.00 was set up as a capital outlay for 1948 — all or part of this amount to be raised by a bond issue. This recommendation was included in the warrant for 1948 and 1949, but it was turned down by the Finance Committee and the voters.

Again it is stressed that this needed Children's Library will not only develop reading habits

for children, but will make available for adults the present facilities under more satisfactory conditions.

Approved by Trustees, The Jacob Edwards
Memorial Library,

NERIO W. PIOppi,
W. WESLEY CRAWFORD,
JACOB K. EDWARDS,
OSWALD J. LALIBERTE,
JOHN O. MARTIN,
E. D. MITCHELL,
EDWARD P. SHEEHAN.

THIRTY-EIGHTH REPORT
Of The
TOWN ACCOUNTANT
Of The
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE
for the year ending
DECEMBER 31, 1953

REVENUE — 1953

General Revenue

Taxes:

Current Year:

Poll	\$ 9,486.00	
Personal	147,652.64	
Real Estate	729,634.76	
Motor Vehicle Excise	70,550.06	\$957,323.46

Previous Years:

Poll	\$ 16.00	
Personal	3,479.61	
Real Estate	34,822.58	
Motor Vehicle Excise	10,973.09	49,291.28

From State:

Business-Corporation Tax	\$ 96,703.16	
Income Tax	8,575.00	
School Aid According to Chapter 70	147,757.97	
Meal Tax—O. A. A.	5,216.87	258,253.00

Licenses and Permits:

Licenses:

Liquor	\$ 14,335.00	
Hawkers, Peddlars and Junk	257.50	
Sunday Store	123.00	
Common Victuallers and		

Innholders	162.00	
Pool, Billiard and Bowling	57.00	
Milk and Oleo	103.00	
Auto Dealers	78.00	
Auctioneers	10.00	
Taxis and Drivers	104.00	
Firearms	95.00	
All Other	2,077.54	17,402.04
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Permits:

Garage	\$ 17.00	
Gasoline and Motor Oil	25.50	
All Other	83.50	126.00
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Fines and Forfeitures:

Court Fines	782.00
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Grants and Gifts:

County—Dog Licenses	2,019.65
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From State:

English Speaking Class	\$ 560.00	
Vocational Education	25,845.79	
Smith-Hughes Fund	1,885.09	28,290.88
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Highway Aid:

State and County—

Chapter 90

Contract #14071—C'nty	\$ 4,608.08	
Contr. #13860—County	1,000.00	
Contr. #14252—County	3,786.01	
Contr. #14512—County	1,000.00	
Contract #14071 State	9,216.17	
Contract #13860—State	1,000.00	
Contract #14252—State	7,572.03	
Contract #14512—State	1,000.00	29,182.29
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Federal Grants and Gifts:

Aid to Dependent Children:

Salaries and Admin.	\$ 579.36	
Expense	14,051.41	14,630.77
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Old Age Assistance:			
Salaries and Admin.	\$	4,510.80	
Expense		114,418.92	118,929.72
Disability Assistance:			
Salaries and Admin.	\$	194.51	
Expense		8,065.19	8,259.70
Other Revenue:			
Tax Titles Sales & Redemption			1,238.12
Total General Revenue			\$1,485,728.91

Commercial Revenue

Departmental:

General Government:			
Tax Collector	\$	1.67	
Selectmen		1,192.39	
Town Hall		286.25	1,480.31
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Rent—Police	\$	1,200.00	
All Other		4.11	
Fire:			
Sale of Old Material		174.80	1,378.91
Sealer of Weights and Measures:			
Sealing Fees			473.10
Ambulance Fees			2,771.30
			6,103.62
Health and Sanitation:			
Tuberculosis			2,020.72
Highways:			
Equipment Rental			1,362.28
Public Welfare and Vet- erans Benefits:			
Temporary Aid:			
From State	\$	5,011.60	
From Cities and Towns		834.08	5,845.68

Aid to Dependent Children:		
From State	12,690.54	
Old Age Assistance:		
From State	\$ 81,837.36	
From Cities and Towns	3,296.89	85,134.25
Disability Assistance:		
From State	4,672.50	
Infirmary:		
Reimbursements	1,060.20	
Veterans Benefits:		
From State	12,604.82	122,007.99

Schools and Libraries:

Tuition—State Wards	\$ 831.21	
Other Tuition	32,129.61	
Sale of Books and Supplies	3.50	
All Others	20.03	
Fines and Sales—Libr.	1,073.11	
Salaries— Paid by Trustees	1,034.06	35,091.52

Unclassified:

Dresser Field	\$ 1.00	
Parking Meter Receipts	18,947.43	
Airport	100.00	19,048.43
Total Departmental Revenue		\$185,634.56

Oak Ridge Cemetery:

Sale of Lots and Graves	\$ 1,765.00	
Graves Opened	968.00	2,733.00

Special Assessments:

Sewers Unapportioned	\$ 2,578.09	
Sewers Added to Taxes	1,825.05	4,403.14

Interest:

On Deferred Taxes	\$ 1,175.10
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On Special Assessments	88.30
Costs of Court	2.80
On Tax Titles Redeemed	60.35
Fees—Discharged Sewers	14.00
On Motor Vehicle Excise	41.16
On Trust and Investment	

Funds:

Ella M. Cole Fund	\$ 81.25		
Mabel Murphy Fund	60.00		
Mary Mynott Fund	30.00		
Adah Stedman Fund	30.00		
Cemetery Fund	2,667.70	2,868.95	4,250.66

Municipal Indebtedness:

Anticipation of Revenue	400,000.00
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Agency, Trust and Investment:

Agency:

Dog Lic. — Due County	\$ 1,931.80		
Fed. Withholding Tax	92,155.32		
Blue Cross	8,050.65		
Deposits on Plans & Bids	6,790.00		
School Lunch Program	\$20,909.46		
School Athletic Fund	7,824.25	137,661.48	

Trust and Investment:

Perpetual Care	\$ 1,570.00		
Investment	3,375.00	4,945.00	

Cemetery—General Care Fund:

Estate of Louise Orr			
Donation		10,000.00	152,606.48

Refunds:

Selectmen—Expense	\$ 15.00		
Tax Collector—Exp.	2.52		
Police—Expense	1.65		
Forest Fire—Expense	.50		
Health—T. B. and Con- tagious Diseases	110.85		

Health—Premature Births	143.60	
Highway—Expense	104.43	
General Relief—Exp.	83.40	
A. D. C. Town Appropriation—Expense	139.40	
A. D. C. Fed. Grant—Expense	129.70	
O. A. A. Town Appropriation—Expense	489.50	
O. A. A. Fed. Grant—Expense	669.40	
Disability Assist. Town Approp.—Expense	27.05	
Dis. Assist., Fed. Grant—Expense	40.80	
Infirmiry—Expense	300.00	
Veterans Benefit—Exp.	459.73	
Library—Salary	17.00	
Library—Expense	26.10	
School—Salary	10.60	
School—Expense	55.71	
School Athletic Fund ..	18.42	
School Lunch Program ..	88.85	
Swimming Pool—Sal.	8.00	
Southbridge Rent Control	9.52	
M. V. Excise	3.78	2,955.51

Total Revenue for 1953	\$2,238,312.26
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Cash on Hand January 1, 1953	467,771.55
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	<u>\$2,706,083.81</u>
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EXPENDITURES — 1953

General Government

Moderator:

Salary	\$ 20.00	
Expense	12.00	\$ 32.00

Finance Committee		10.00
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Selectmen:**Salaries and Wages:**

Chairman	\$	550.00	
2 Members		825.00	
Clerical Services		2,540.00	3,915.00

Other Expenses:

Supplies, Stationery and			
Postage	\$	138.23	
Printing and Adv.		107.02	
Mileage		13.95	
Telephone		129.11	
Equipment & Mainten.		457.70	
All Other		158.76	1,004.77

Accountant:**Salaries and Wages:**

Accountant	\$	3,150.00	
Clerk		1,716.00	
Extra Clerical		100.00	4,966.00

Other Expenses:

Supplies, Stationery and			
Postage	\$	172.13	
Printing		44.17	
Telephone		2.45	
Equipment & Maint.		197.81	
Travel, Dues and All			
Other		36.58	453.14

New Equipment:

Steel File		200.00	5,619.14
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Treasurer:**Salaries and Wages:**

Treasurer	\$	2,400.00	
Clerk		2,080.00	
Extra Clerical		825.00	5,305.00

Other Expenses:

Foreclosure Tax Titles	\$	340.00	
Stationery and Postage		378.14	
Printing and Adv.		221.12	

Equipment and Maint.	55.25		
Telephone	149.80		
Surety Bond	290.00		
Travel, Dues and			
All Other	164.15	1,598.46	6,903.46
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Tax Collector:

Salaries and Wages:

Collector	\$ 3,150.00		
Special Collectors	34.00		
Clerk	1,820.00		
Extra Clerical	300.00	5,304.00	
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Other Expenses:

Stationery and Postage	\$ 739.59		
Printing and Adv.	690.35		
Telephone	120.50		
Surety Bond	417.25		
Equipment and Maint.	349.85		
Travel, Dues, and			
All Other	99.86	2,417.40	7,721.40
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Town Collector:

Salaries and Wages:

Collector	\$ 250.00		
Extra Clerical	300.00	550.00	
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Other Expenses:

Supplies, Stationery,			
Postage	\$ 85.26		
Equipment	6.12		
Travel	43.40		
All Other	12.60	147.38	697.38
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Assessors:

Salaries and Wages:

Assessors, 2 Members	\$ 1,100.00		
Clerk of Board	3,450.00		
Clerical Assistance	1,976.00	6,526.00	
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Other Expenses:

Meals	\$ 10.00		
Stationery and Postage	475.93		

Printing	141.51		
Telephone	108.10		
Equipment and Maint.	306.56		
Dues and All Other	35.00	1,077.10	
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Travel		315.00	7,918.10
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Law:

Salaries and Wages:			
Town Counsel		1,600.00	
Other Expenses:			
Stationery and Postage \$	38.64		
Printing and Adv.	36.60		
Telephone	25.90		
Recording Fees	36.08		
Travel, Dues, and			
All Other	662.54	799.76	2,399.76
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Town Clerk:

Salaries and Wages:			
Town Clerk	\$ 1,910.00		
Clerical Services	925.91	2,835.91	
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Other Expenses:			
Stationery and Postage \$	142.66		
Printing and Adv.	17.41		
Telephone	189.45		
Surety Bond	15.00		
Equipment and Maint. .	112.70		
Travel, Dues, and			
All Other	165.36	642.58	3,478.49
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Election and Registration:

Salaries and Wages:			
Registrars		550.00	
Election Expense:			
Election Officers	\$ 1,256.03		
Clerical Services	1,569.95		
Supplies, Stationery			
and Postage	127.29		
Printing and Adv.	497.75		
Meals	307.85		

Equipment and Maint.	9.00	
All Other	4.25	3,772.12

Relisting Expense:

Clerical Services	\$ 417.15		
Assistant Registrars	811.86		
Supplies and Postage	85.32		
Printing	646.40		
Advertising	5.63		
Travel	12.12	1,978.48	6,300.60

Engineering:

Salaries and Wages:

Engineer	\$ 5,500.00		
Assistant Engineer	4,250.00		
Clerks and Helpers	6,745.97	16,495.97	

Office Expense:

Printing and Adv.	\$ 310.79		
Equipment and Maint.	227.99		
Telephone	147.75	686.53	

Field Expense:

Materials and Supplies	\$ 301.63		
Mileage and Travel	1,003.09		
Equipment and Maint.	6.51	1,311.23	18,493.73

Town Hall:

Salaries and Wages:

Janitor		2,884.00	
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Other Expenses:

Helpers	\$ 406.88		
Fuel	2,743.07		
Light	674.40		
Janitor's Supplies	313.61		
Repairs	516.11		
Telephone	43.25		
Equipment and Maint.	416.99		
Water and All Other	369.33	5,483.64	8,367.64

Retirement Board:

Administration			1,090.00
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By-Laws Revision:

Clerical Services	\$	50.07		
Supplies		1.50	51.57	51.57

Planning Board:

Professional Services ..	\$	31.45		
Photos		160.20		
Office Supplies		129.27		
Meals and Travel		187.56		
All Other		122.93	915.31	915.31

Total General Government \$ 74,918.35

Protection of Persons and Property**Police Department:****Salaries and Wages:**

Chief	\$	4,530.63		
Patrolmen		69,133.23		
Sergeant Salaries		150.00		
Deputy Chief		150.00		
Fingerprint Officers		200.00		
Lock-Up Keeper		2,085.25		
Special Police		7,111.00	83,360.11	

Equipment and Maintenance:

Motor Equipment	\$	1,611.84		
Gasoline, Oil, Etc.		1,817.55		
Radio Equipment and Maintenance		1,147.23		
Officer's Equipment		397.84	4,974.46	

Fuel and Light:

Fuel	\$	618.40		
Light		455.16	1,073.56	

**Maintenance of Buildings
and Grounds:**

Repairs	\$	481.58		
Janitor's Supplies		280.49		
Water and All Other		64.72	826.79	

Other Expenses:

Supplies, Stationery, Postage	\$	337.05		
Telephone		2,547.99		
Equipment and Miant.		748.37		

Photo and Fingerprint Supplies	480.63		
Dues and All Other	380.00	4,494.04	
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Prisoner's Expense:			
Doctor's, Matrons, and Guards	\$ 25.00		
Board and Care of Prisoners	150.11		
Officers' Expense	52.54	227.56	
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New Cruiser		1,997.81	
School and Safety Supplies		488.90	
Auxiliary Police		519.71	
Parking Meter Division:			
Salaries	\$ 7,750.90		
Expense	2,680.00	10,430.90	108.393.84
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Fire Department:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Chief	\$ 4,169.88		
Assistant Chief, Cap- tain and Lieut.	11,239.28		
Permanent Firemen	51,191.25		
Call Men	5,017.50		
Supt. of Alarms	350.00		
Clerk of Fire Dept.	100.00		
Other Employees	36.48	72,104.39	
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New Fire Alarm System		5,393.53	
New Pumper		16.25	
Out of State Travel		52.90	
Equipment and Maintenance:			
Apparatus Repairs	\$ 938.98		
Equipment for Men	432.28		
Apparatus Accessories	294.58		
Radio Equip. & Maint.	269.25		
Repairs, Parts	74.76		
Gasoline and Oil	461.04		
Alarms, Boxes, Etc.	54.48		
Shop Equip. & Maint.	44.53	2,569.90	
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Hydrant Service		20,783.75	
Fuel and Light:			
Fuel	\$ 779.70		
Light	330.36	1,110.06	
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**Maintenance of Buildings
and Grounds:**

Repairs	\$	451.78	
Furniture		6.68	
Laundry		63.73	
Janitor's Supplies and Water		318.63	840.82

Other Expenses:

Stationery and Postage \$	84.23		
Telephone	315.65		
Office Equip. & Maint.	99.23		
Mileage, Travel and All Other	295.77	794.88	103,666.48

Forest Fires:**Salaries and Wages:**

Wardens	\$	200.00	
Fighting Fires		942.75	1,142.75

Other Expense:

Radio Maintenance	\$	215.40	
Hose Repair		8.00	
Repairs, Parts, Gas and Oil		168.15	
Materials and Supplies		95.02	
New Hose		206.50	
Food for Men at Fires		59.79	752.86

**Planting and Trimming
of Trees:****Salaries and Wages:**

Superintendent	\$	363.38	
Labor		1,175.38	1,538.76

Other Expenses:

Hardware and Tools	\$	14.47	
Truck Hire		426.50	
All Other		20.22	461.19

Moth Extermination:**Salaries and Wages:**

Superintendent	\$	50.25	
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Labor	62.38	112.63	
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Other Expense:			
Truck Hire		287.37	400.00
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Dutch Elm Disease:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Superintendent	\$ 12.00		
Labor	8.80	20.80	
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Other Expense:			
Telephone	\$ 2.95		
Insecticides	552.75		
Equipment Hire	2,423.50	2,979.20	3,000.00
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Building Inspection:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Salary		400.00	
Other Expenses:			
Telephone, Materials and Supplies	55.08		
Mileage and Travel	94.00	149.08	549.08
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Wire Inspection:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Salary		400.00	
Other Expenses:			
Telephone, Materials and Supplies	\$ 59.25		
Mileage, Travel and All Other	88.00	147.25	547.25
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Sealer of Weights and Measures:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Sealer		1,300.00	
Other Expenses:			
Office Supplies	\$ 5.65		
Printing	6.25		
Travel	300.00		
Equip. & Mainten.	20.03	331.93	1,631.93
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Ambulance:

Equipment and Maintenance and Laundry	\$	335.83		
Gasoline, Oil, Etc.		476.76		
Materials and Supplies		96.36		
Mobile Radio, Drivers' Expense		183.55	1,092.50	1,092.50
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Dog Officer:

Dogs Boarded	\$	341.50		
Dogs Destroyed		156.00	497.50	497.50
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Animal Inspection:

Salary			124.92	
Mileage and Travel			74.90	199.82
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Street Lighting:

Street Lights				20,321.17
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Total Protection of Persons and Property **\$244,195.13**

Health and Sanitation**Health:****Salaries and Wages:**

Board Members	\$	330.00		
Agent		550.00		
Board Physician		330.00		
Parochial School M.D.		770.00		
Podiatrist		250.00		
Nurse		2,849.92		
Clerk Hire		275.91		
Dental Clinic		700.00		
Plumbing Inspector		2,449.92		
Food Inspector		175.00		
Milk Inspector		233.24		
Slaughtering Inspector		385.00		
Sanitary Inspector		440.00	9,738.99	
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Travel:

Agent	\$	50.75		
Nurse		153.90		

Plumbing Inspector	44.73		
Slaughtering Inspector	19.00	268.38	
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Premature Births		551.60	
Garbage Collection		8,998.00	
Other Expenses:			
Dental Clinic	\$ 24.08		
Laboratory	2.00		
Office Expense	410.44		
School Medical Supplies	3.25	439.77	
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Vital Statistics:			
Births	\$ 145.25		
Deaths	45.75	191.00	
T. B. and Con- tagious Diseases:			
Lakeville State San.	\$ 1,689.00		
Worcester County San.	3,580.50		
Cambridge Sanitarium	283.50		
Belmont Hospital	658.94		
Misc. Expense	30.00	6,241.94	
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Chest X-Ray:			
Salaries	\$ 351.00		
Other Expense	26.32	377.32	26,807.00
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Sewer:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Commissioners	\$ 450.00		
Caretaker	3,120.00		
Labor	1,638.88	5,208.88	
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Administrative Expense:			
Stationery, Printing and Postage	\$ 4.00		
Telephone and All Other	147.20	151.20	
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General Expense:			
Insurance, Registra- tion and Repairs	\$ 66.25		
Tools and Equipment	205.86		
Pipe and Fittings	4.48		
Gasoline and Oil	149.05		

Materials and Supplies and All Other	87.71		
Repair Sewer Lines	112.80		
Fuel and Light	12.00	638.15	
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Special Repairs		1,602.22	7,600.45
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Total Health and Sanitation			\$ 34,407.45

Highways, Snow and Ice

General Administration:

Salaries and Wages:

Commissioners	\$ 102.00		
Superintendent	3,598.18	3,700.18	
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Other Expenses:

Stationery, Supplies and Postage	\$ 149.00		
Telephone	219.72		
Equipment & Main. and All Other	338.79	707.51	

General Maintenance:

Timekeeper Clerk	\$ 3,359.70		
Labor	33,071.66		
Equipment Rental	112.00		
Equipment & Repairs	1,557.37		
Broken Stone, Gravel and Other Surfacing	4,985.82		
Oil and Sand for Roads	9,968.59		
All Other	289.15		
Other Materials and Supplies	728.78	54,073.07	
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Automotive Equipment:

Gas, Oil, Etc.		295.78	
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Buildings and Grounds:

Maintenance & Repairs \$	144.79		
Fuel, Light, and Water	965.13		
Equipment & Maint. ..	8.40		
All Other	85.56	1,203.88	
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New Road Machinery:

Advertising	\$ 5.00		
New Equipment	4,950.00	4,955.00	
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Other Expenses:			
Mobile Radio	\$	200.16	
All Other		1.00	201.16
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Road Machinery
Maintenance:

Equipment, Maintenance & Repairs	\$	4,329.86	
Gasoline, Oil, Etc.		3,774.36	
Tires and Tubes		1,777.25	
All Other		116.33	9,997.80
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Town Dump:

Salary	\$	1,890.00	
Rodent Control		900.00	2,790.00
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Rubbish Collection:

Contract			3,499.94
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Snow and Ice Removal:

Labor	\$	4,077.45	
Timekeeper Clerk		19.20	
Repairs		685.89	
Salt, Sand, Gravel, Etc.		3,886.26	
Laborers Meals		129.05	
Truck Hire		5,745.50	
County Road			
Shovel Rental		183.25	14,726.60
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			96,150.92

Chapter 90 Maintenance

State and County Aid:

East Main Street:

Labor	\$	386.00	
Materials & Supplies		123.00	
Truck Hire		52.00	561.00
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Dresser Hill Road:

Labor	\$	379.00	
Materials and Supplies		183.60	
Truck Hire		71.00	633.60
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Eastford Road:

Labor	\$	343.30	
Materials and Supplies		121.00	

Truck Hire	38.00	502.30	
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Mechanic Street:			
Labor	\$ 105.00		
Materials and Supplies	7.50		
Truck Hire	10.00	122.50	
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Old No. Woodstock Road:			
Labor	\$ 198.60		
Materials and Supplies	15.00		
Truck Hire	24.00	237.60	
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Worcester Street:			
Labor	\$ 310.00		
Materials and Supplies	20.00		
Truck Hire	20.00	350.00	
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River Street:			
Labor	\$ 78.00		
Materials and Supplies	5.00		
Truck Hire	8.00	91.00	
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North Woodstock Road:			
Labor	\$ 325.00		
Materials and Supplies	17.00		
Truck Hire	10.00	352.00	
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Brickyard Road:			
Labor		25.00	
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Dudley Road:			
Labor	\$ 40.00		
Truck Hire	10.00	50.00	
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Hamilton Street:			
Labor	\$ 53.00		
Truck Hire	22.00	75.00	3,000.00
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Total Highways, Snow and Ice, Dump			
Rubbish, Chapter 90		\$ 99,150.92	

Charities and Veterans Benefits

General Relief:

Salaries and Wages:

Board \$ 1,200.00

Supervisor	300.00		
Clerks	959.65		
Social Workers	600.00	3,059.65	
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General Administration:

Stationery, Supplies, and Postage	\$ 161.17		
Telephone	63.04		
Mileage and Travel	198.34		
All Other	4.10	426.65	
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Other Expenses:

Groceries and Provisions \$	3,822.15		
Fuel	1,181.64		
Medicine and Medical Attendance	2,142.69		
Hospital Care	2,361.06		
Rent	1,134.96		
Clothing	133.55		
Cash Grants	5,008.80		
Board and Care	3,878.74		
State Institutions	156.50		
Household Furniture and Moving	49.00		
All Other	72.60	19,941.69	
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Relief by Other Cities
and Towns:

Cities	\$ 1,841.34		
Towns	1,593.97	3,435.31	
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Truck Expense:

Gasoline, Oil, Etc.	\$ 145.39		
Equip. & Maint.	72.20	217.59	27,080.89
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Aid to Dependent Children:
Town Appropriation—

Salaries and Wages:

Supervisor	\$ 400.00		
Social Workers	600.00		
Clerks	400.00	1,400.00	
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Administration:

Mileage and Travel		21.20	
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Relief Expenses:			
Cash grants		23,055.84	24,477.04
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Aid to Dependent Children:			
Federal Grant—			
Salaries and Wages:			
Board	\$ 100.00		
Supervisor	100.00		
Social Workers	200.00		
Clerks	83.31	483.31	
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Administrative Expense:			
Stationery, Supplies, and Postage	\$ 16.35		
Mileage and Travel	29.48	45.83	
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Relief Expense:			
Cash Grants		12,506.48	13,035.62
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Old Age Assistance:			
Town Appropriation—			
Salaries and Wages:			
Supervisor	\$ 2,000.00		
Social Workers	3,060.00		
Clerks	1,470.00	6,530.00	
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Administrative Expense:			
Mileage and Travel		49.86	
Relief Expense:			
Cash Grants	\$102,837.14		
Cities and Towns	1,602.50	104,439.64	111,019.50
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Old Age Assistance:			
Federal Grant—			
Salaries and Wages:			
Board	\$ 400.00		
Supervisor	1,215.00		
Social Workers	1,473.38		
Clerks	1,113.39	4,201.77	
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Administrative Expense:			
Telephone	\$ 240.45		

Stationery, Supplies, and Postage	495.73		
Mileage and Travel	183.57		
All Other	16.98	936.73	
Relief Expense:			
Cash Grants	\$126,814.74		
Cities and Towns	2,168.05	128,982.79	134,121.29
Disability Assistance:			
Town Appropriations—			
Salaries and Wages:			
Supervisor	\$ 100.00		
Social Workers	200.00		
Clerks	200.00	500.00	
Relief Expense:			
Cash Grants		9,115.31	9,615.31
Disability Assistance:			
Federal Grant—			
Salaries and Wages:			
Board	\$ 100.00		
Supervisor	25.00		
Social Workers	25.00		
Clerks	25.00	175.00	
Administrative Expense:			
Stationery and Sups.	11.00		
Mileage and Travel	25.00	36.00	
Relief Expense:			
Cash Grants		7,088.62	7,299.62
Infirmmary:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Superintendent		2,236.00	
Other Expenses:			
Groceries & Provisions \$	4,233.99		
Household Furnishings	713.57		
Janitor's Supplies and			
Repairs	746.01		

Fuel and Light	1,330.15		
Truck Expense	20.76		
Hospital and Medical Care	926.29		
Telephone and All Other	302.04	8,272.81	
Repairing Bathroom		300.00	10,808.81

Veterans Benefits:

General Administration:

Salaries and Wages:

Veterans Agent 1,240.00

Other Expenses:

Office Expenses, Travel,
Etc. 252.85

Relief Expenses:

Cash Grants	\$ 20,543.10		
Fuel	407.48		
Medical	2,986.25		
Hospital and Dental Care	2,972.84		
Food	1,554.18		
Rent, Clothes, Etc.	331.20	28,795.05	30,287.90

Veterans Services:

Salaries and Wages:

Supervisor	\$ 1,910.00		
Clerk	1,716.00	3,626.00	

Other Expenses:

Printing, Stationery, Supplies & Postage ..	144.10		
Mileage and Travel	140.00		
Telephone	158.05		
Dues and All Other	53.00	495.15	4,121.15

Maintenance of Vet. Graves:

Maintenance of Graves \$	385.09		
Materials and Supplies	46.44		
All Other	18.00	449.53	449.53

Total Charities and Veterans Benefits \$372,316.66

Schools

General Control:

Salaries and Wages:

150 Superintendent	\$ 7,300.00		
156 Supt.'s Clerks	4,900.00		
157 Extra Clerical	338.29		
103 School Census	323.21	12,861.50	

Other Expenses:

160 Supplies	\$ 311.17		
180 Printing	468.54		
181 Traveling	164.91		
182 Telephone	145.60		
182A Postage, Books, Periodicals, etc.	196.54		
182B Equipment and Maint.	303.98	1,590.74	14,452.24

High School:

Instruction Salaries:

220 Principal	\$ 5,600.00		
225 Principal's Clerk	2,550.00		
240 Teachers	91,185.45		
245 Subst. Teachers		1,089.25	100,424.70

Instruction Expense:

250 Text and Ref. Books \$	2,915.75		
270 Supplies	4,969.77		
660 Typewriters, Ma- chines, etc.	1,128.74	9,014.26	

Other Expenses:

210 Supervision Trav- el, etc.	\$ 174.28		
235 Printing, Supplies, Postage	187.21		
290 Commencement Exp.	200.00	561.49	

Operation of Plant:

Salaries and Wages:

501 Janitors		8,854.36	
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Other Expenses:

510 Janitors' Supplies \$	839.30		
520 Fuel	2,589.21		
530 Water	279.02		

540 Gas and Electricity	1,816.30	
565 Telephone	298.15	
580 Drayage	150.90	5,972.88

Maintenance of Plant:

601 Grounds	\$ 40.40	
620 Buildings	2,318.61	
640 Service Systems	2,310.72	
680 Other Expenses	127.99	4,797.72

Capital Outlay:

930 Building Alterations, & additions	\$ 260.74		
965 New Furnishings ..	416.74		
975 New Equipment	774.40		
985 Other Expenses	136.91	1,588.79	131,214.20

Elementary Schools:

Instruction Salaries:

240 Teachers	\$183,438.61	
245 Substitute Teach.	2,303.52	185,742.13

Instruction Expense:

210 Supervision Travel	\$ 281.68	
250 Text and Ref. Books	3,553.11	
270 Supplies	7,633.89	
660 Instructional Equip.	195.60	
235 Printing	82.87	11,747.15

Operation of Plant:

Salaries and Wages:

501 Janitors	15,560.71
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Other Expenses:

510 Janitors' Supplies	\$ 1,985.86	
520 Fuel	8,121.39	
530 Water	351.59	
540 Gas & Electricity ..	2,820.61	
565 Telephone	1,117.62	
580 Drayage	198.79	14,595.86

Maintenance of Plant:

601 Grounds	\$ 865.59	
620 Buildings	4,152.48	
640 Service Systems	1,679.64	

680 Other Expenses	111.08	6,808.79	
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Capital Outlay:			
930 Building Alterations and Additions	\$ 184.53		
965 New Furnishings	1,561.26		
975 New Equipment	392.88		
985 Other Expenses	33.20	2,171.87	236,626.51
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Elementary Evening School:

Salaries:

220 Directors	\$ 200.00		
240 Teachers	830.00	1,030.00	
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Instruction Expense:

250 Text and Ref. Books	6.92		
270 Supplies	1.37	8.29	
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Operation of Plant:

520 Fuel	\$ 100.00		
540 Gas and Electricity	176.90	276.90	1,315.19
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Household Arts:

Instruction Salaries:

240 Teachers' Sal.		5,735.00	
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Other Expenses:

270 Supplies	401.98		
660 Instruction Equip.	82.92	484.90	6,219.90
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Continuation School:

250 Books			49.29
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High Evening School:

Instruction Salaries:

240 Teachers		954.00	
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Instruction Expense:

270 Supplies		71.07	
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Operation of Plant:

520 Fuel	\$ 200.00		
540 Gas and Electricity	100.00	300.00	1,325.07
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Industrial Arts:

Instruction Salaries:

240 Teachers	3,412.60	
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Instruction Expense:

270 Supplies	85.80	3,498.40
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Domestic Science:

Instruction Salaries:

240 Teachers	1,835.00	
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Instruction Expense:

270 Supplies	197.62	2,032.62
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Auxiliary Agencies:

Medical and Nurse Services:

402 Physician	\$ 2,000.00	
404 Nurse	2,640.00	
405 Medical Expenses	541.49	5,181.49

Pupils:

401 Attendance	\$ 275.00	
313 Transport. of Pupils	21,678.84	
360 Tuition Other Pup.	2,020.26	23,974.10
		29,155.59

Visual Aids:

240 Teacher's Salary ..	\$ 800.00	
270 Supplies	870.73	
660 Maintenance	62.45	
975 New Equipment ..	60.63	1,793.81
		1,793.81

Smith-Hughes Fund:

240 Vocational Classes	462.44	462.44
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Cole Trade School:

General Control:

Salaries:

220 Director	\$ 5,400.00	
225 Clerks	2,544.37	
226 Extra Clerical	2,530.38	10,474.75

Expenses:

235 Printing, Supplies and Postage	\$	147.42	
565 Telephone		94.85	
210 Supervision Travel		110.74	
290 Commencement Exp.		54.09	407.10

Instructor's Salaries:

240 Teachers	\$	50,542.15	
245 Substitute Teachers		480.03	51,022.18

Instruction Expense:

250 Text and Ref. Books \$	402.70	
270 Supplies	3,653.43	
660 Equipment	2,603.91	6,660.04

Operation of Plant:

501 Janitor's Salaries ..	\$	2,900.00	
510 Janitor's Supplies ..		689.91	
520 Fuel		1,268.94	
530 Water		62.77	
540 Gas and Electricity ..		1,009.85	
580 Drayage		95.30	6,026.77

Maintenance of Plant:

601 Grounds	\$	27.01	
620 Buildings		200.20	
640 Service Systems		1,241.21	
680 Other Expenses ..		96.50	1,564.92

Capital Outlay:

930 Alterations & Add. \$..	453.07	
965 New Furnishings ..	208.60	
975 Instructional Appar.	1,623.86	
985 Other Expenses	432.69	2,718.22
		78,873.98

Evening Trade Extension:**Instruction Salaries:**

225 Clerk	\$	125.60	
240 Teachers		1,911.10	2,036.70

Instruction Expense:

250 Books	\$	58.90	
270 Supplies		526.90	

660 Instructional Equip. ..	106.38	692.18	
Operation of Plant:			
540 Gas and Electricity		100.00	2,828.88
Total Schools			\$509,848.12

Library

Jacob Edwards Memorial Library:

Salaries and Wages:

101 Librarian	\$ 3,513.57		
103-105 Assistants	8,647.24		
150-151 Janitor	1,981.50	14,142.31	

Books, Periodicals, etc.

201 Books	\$ 2,011.64		
202 Periodicals	419.10	2,430.74	

Binding:

250 Books	\$ 48.48		
250 Periodicals	5.92	54.40	

Fuel and Light:

301 Fuel	\$ 93.01		
302 Light	839.94	932.95	

Building:

350-352 Repairs	\$ 157.53		
501 Furnishings	175.27		
303 Water	13.46		
304-306 All Other	173.57	519.83	

Other Expenses:

402-403 Stationery, Print- ing, and Adv.	\$ 433.78		
401 Telephone	97.85	531.63	

Alterations and Improve.		5,922.25	24,534.11
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Total Schools and Library			\$534,382.23
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Recreation and Unclassified

Recreation:

Parks:

Labor		\$ 500.00	
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Playgrounds:

Instructors	\$ 2,747.00	
Materials and Supplies	971.66	
Mileage and Travel	13.72	
Sports, Games, etc.	247.51	3,979.89
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World War Memorial Park:

Labor	\$ 229.00	
Water and Elec. Lights	4.08	
Materials and Supplies	127.94	
Flower Wreaths	13.50	374.52
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Honor Roll:

Electric Lights	\$ 85.39	
Maintenance and Rep.	177.60	262.99
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Swimming Pool:

Labor	\$ 414.13	
Instructors	2,725.38	
Buildings and Grounds	281.54	
Materials and Supplies	287.64	
Telephone, Water, Fuel, Light	79.40	
New Construction	1,891.01	5,679.10
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Dresser St. Field:

Labor	\$ 3,004.18	
Telephone	50.45	
Materials and Supplies	407.71	
Water, Fuel, Light	147.39	
Caretaker	1,295.75	
Labor—Maint. & Impr. Account	1,775.08	
Stationery, Supplies and Postage	3.16	
Equipment and Maint.	500.86	
Repairs to Field	1,200.00	
All Other	15.35	8,399.93
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Alumni Field:

Labor	\$ 499.03	
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Material and Supplies	416.42	
Equipment and Maint.	209.50	
Labor, Expense Account	13.50	
Water, and All Other ..	155.47	
New Drainage System, Trahan Bros.	2,944.70	4,238.62

Henry St. Field:

Labor and Salaries	\$ 999.98	
Equipment	363.52	
Materials and Supplies	136.48	
Maintenance and Impr.	999.91	2,499.89

Band Concerts:

Concerts	\$ 378.00	
Rental of Chairs	75.00	453.00

Unclassified:

Damage to Persons and Property	\$ 1,924.26	
Memorial Day	900.00	
Armistice Day	300.00	
Town Reports	1,673.09	
Town Clock	49.92	
Pensions—Non- Contributory	7,603.81	
Insurance of Builddings	8,243.68	
All Ins.—Workmen's Compensation	12,111.52	32,806.28

Southbridge Rent Control:

Salaries	\$ 285.00	
Travel	63.84	
Rent ..	101.25	
Typewriter	40.00	
Telephone	28.55	
All Other	49.21	567.85

Outstanding Bills of Pre-
vious Years

2,632.44

Total of Recreation & Rent
Control and Unclassified \$ 62,394.51

Cemetery

Oak Ridge Cemetery:

Salaries and Wages:

Superintendent	\$	700.00	
Labor		4,946.83	
Opening Graves		245.00	5,891.83

Other Expenses:

Fertilizer and Loam ...	\$	220.30	
Light		12.00	
New Equipment, Mat. and Supplies and			
All Other		1,229.96	
Gasoline and Oil		38.72	1,500.98

Cemetery Improvement Account:

New Equipment	\$	332.91	
Spraying		163.95	
All Other		574.00	1,070.86

Total Cemetery \$ 8,463.67

Special Accounts

Blackmer & Dudley River

Rd. Reconstruction:

Labor	\$	233.15	
Materials and Supplies		920.33	
Repair Guard Rail		52.80	
Shovel Rental		193.00	1,399.28

Charlton St. Reconstruction:

Contract—Leo Construc- tion Co.	\$	19,837.40	
Advertising		8.75	19,846.15

Civil Defense:

Directors Salary	\$	525.00	
Supplies, Stationery			
Supplies		350.88	
Telephone		99.59	975.47

Cole Ave. Sewer Reim- bursement:

Various Prop. Owners			1,629.92
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Cole Trade High School:**Heating Alterations:**

McKinstry Ice Co.	\$ 11,951.00	
Engineering Service	49.00	12,000.00
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Coombs St. Reconstruction:**Contract—**

Ciesla Bros., Inc.	\$ 5,326.73	
Advertising	9.38	5,336.11
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Coombs St. Sewer:**Contract—**

Ciesla Bros., Inc.	\$ 2,688.90	
Advertising	5.00	2,693.90
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Crane St. Reconstruction:**Contract—**

Ciesla Bros., Inc.	\$ 28,232.44	
Advertising	8.13	28,240.57
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Cross St. Reconstruction:**Contract:**

Ciesla Bros., Inc.	\$ 8,445.23	
J. J. Doyle	6,733.94	
Advertising	14.38	15,193.55
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Dresser (Main St.) Property Maintenance:

Labor	400.00
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1953 Chap. 90 Construction:**Eastford Road:****Contract—**

Ciesla Bros., Inc.	\$ 18,415.45	
Advertising	35.13	
Material and Supplies	458.25	18,908.83
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1952 Chap. 90 Construction:**Eastford Road:****Contract—**

Rome Construc. Co.	\$ 18,319.58
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Material and Supplies	107.25	18,426.83
East Main St. & Morris St. to Lensdale Gate—Curbing & Drains:		
Contract—		
Trahan Bros.	\$ 4,291.51	
Advertising	15.00	4,306.51
East Main St. Sidewalk:		
Contract—		
Trahan Bros.	\$ 7,707.34	
Advertising	10.63	7,717.97
Edwards St. Resurfacing:		
Contract—		
Leo Construc. Co.	\$ 4,669.65	
Advertising	8.75	4,678.40
Elm St. Reconstruction:		
Contract—		
Duff Bros., Inc.	\$ 12,800.74	
Water Service	20.47	
Appraisal of Property	70.00	
Photos	42.00	
All Other	525.00	13,458.21
Elm St. Resurfacing:		
Contract—		
J. J. Doyle Co.	\$ 18,046.10	
Advertising	10.00	18,056.10
Foster St. Parking Lot Drain:		
Contract—		
Trahan Bros.	\$ 2,519.50	
Advertising	10.00	2,529.50

**Foster St. Parking
Lot Repairs:**

Labor	\$	90.20	
Material and Supplies		328.28	418.48
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**Foster St. Parking Lot
Retaining Wall:**

Contract—			
Trahan Bros.	\$	2,121.58	
Advertising		8.75	2,130.33
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**Globe Village Fire Station—
Disabled Veterans:**

Fuel	\$	320.45	
Light		20.10	
Water and Ice		6.90	
All Other		3.00	350.45
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Goddard St. Sidewalk

Payment—			
Mary Krasowsky			360.00

**Hartwell Terrace—Sewer
Reimbursement:**

Sewer Payment—			
Arthur E. Proulx			625.60

Henry Street Field Drain:

Construction of Drainage Conduit — Treasurer of Commonwealth			8,000.00
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**Relocation Hook St. at
Hamilton St.:**

Damages Award	\$	3.00	
Appraisal Service		22.00	25.00
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**Improvement of Land of
Abutters on South St.:**

Improvement of Land	\$	276.95	
Rental of Trucks		153.75	

Labor	161.10	
All Other	68.59	660.39
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Kinsley St. Sidewalk Purchase:		
Sidewalk Payment		350.00
Leonide Lemire Post V.F.W.:		
Rent		900.00
Maple Terrace Sewer Payment:		
Sewer Payment		901.45
Nuisance Brook Culvert:		
Labor	\$ 365.55	
Material and Supplies	294.25	
All Other	206.50	866.30
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Oakes Ave. & Main St. Reconstruction:		
Contract—		
Ciesla Bros., Inc.		2,247.50
Old Sturbridge Rd. Drain:		
Contract—		
Ciesla Bros., Inc.		1,516.40
Parking Meter Fees:		
First National Bank		8,576.25
Prospect Street Drain:		
Labor	\$ 96.65	
Material	33.00	129.65
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Roosevelt Drive Drain:		
Labor	\$ 658.28	
Material and Supplies	1,787.11	
Equipment Rental	292.75	
Manholes and Catch		
Basins	260.00	2,998.14
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**Repair Dam at Second
Reservoir:**

Labor	\$	757.85	
Material		197.35	955.20
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**Sewage Disposal Plant—
Engineering Service:**

Contract—Hayden, Harding, & Buchanan			2,605.09
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**Survey of Wages and
Salaries:**

Professional Services ..	\$	2,000.00	
Clerical Services		119.00	
Stationery Supplies		50.69	2,169.69
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**Town Hall Alterations
and Repairs:**

Advertising	\$	26.88	
Rusco Windows		82.60	
Architectural Services		250.00	
Painting Contract		2,988.00	
Roofing Contract		6,977.00	10,324.48
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Union St. Reconstruction:

Contract—			
Ciesla Bros., Inc.	\$	5,960.45	
Advertising		9.38	5,969.83
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Westville Bridge Repairs:

Material and Supplies	\$	432.73	
Labor		302.60	735.33
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Woodycrest Ave. Drain:

Labor	\$	223.95	
Material and Supplies		782.78	
Catch Basins & Headwall		71.70	
Equipment Rental		20.00	1,098.43
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Woodycrest Ave. Sewer:

Sewer Payment	949.80
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**Worcester St. Drain to
Cady Brook:**

Labor	\$ 80.95	
Material and Supplies	183.60	264.55

Total Special Projects	\$231,925.64
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Interest and Maturing Debt**Interest:****Temporary Loans:**

Anticipation of Revenue	2,662.07
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General Loans:

Eastford Rd. & West St. Schools	\$ 420.00		
No. Dist. Elem. School	420.00	840.00	3,502.07

Eastford Rd. & West St. School	6,000.00	10,000.00	410,000.00
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Total Interest and Maturing Debt	\$413,502.07
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Agency, Trust and Investment**Agency:**

State Auditing Tax	\$ 1,244.60	
State Exam. of Retirement System	50.50	
State Parks and Reservation	2,366.71	3,661.81

County Tax	\$ 46,778.09	
County T. B. Hospit. Tax	38,837.31	85,615.40

Dog Tax Fees Paid to County	\$ 1,931.80	
School Lunch Program ..	23,549.18	
School Athletic Fund	7,087.46	
Federal Withholding Tax	92,155.32	
Blue Cross	8,050.65	132,744.41

Trust and Investment:

Louise Orr Fund	\$ 10,000.00
Adah Stedman Fund	29.60

Mabel Murphy Fund	40.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	1,570.00	
Ella Cole Fund	68.10	
Mary Mynott Fund	5.24	
U. S. War Bonds— Post War Rehabilitation	3,375.00	
Pension and Retirement Fund and Military Leave	18,018.00	33,105.94
Total Agencies, Trust and Investment		\$255,157.56

Refunds

Refunds:

Taxes and Demands.....	\$ 296.33	
M. V. Excise	1,420.46	
Plans and Bids	6,790.00	
Ambulance Charges	105.00	
Telephone Charges	3.45	
Public Welfare — Town of Southborough	371.17	8,986.41
Total Refund		\$ 8,986.41
Total Payments for 1953		\$2,339,800.60
Cash on Hand December 31, 1953		366,283.21
		<u>\$2,706,083.81</u>

TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1953

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

ASSETS

Cash	\$366,283.21	Temporary Loans:			100,000.00
Accounts Receivable:		In Anticipation of Taxes			6,410.02
Taxes:		Parking Meter Fees			4,893.82
Levy of 1953	\$ 29,925.96	Insurance Loss Reimbursement Acc't.			
Levy of 1952	3,262.40				
Levy of 1951	11.24				
		Trust Fund Income:		\$	31.27
		J. J. Angell Fund	33,199.60		11.29
		Alexis Boyer, Jr., Fund			445.56
		Ella M. Cole Fund			101.47
		Mabel Murphy Fund			45.39
		Mary Mynott Fund			74.46
		Adah Stedman Fund			
Motor Vehicle Excise:					
Levy of 1953	\$ 13,840.13				709.44
Levy of 1952	51.57				
Special Assessments:		School Athletic Fund			5,079.53
1953—Sewer Assessments Added		Federal Lunch Program			3,697.09
to Taxes	\$ 161.44	Sale of Land Account			1,000.00
1953—Committed Sewer Assess-		Sale of Cemetery Lots and			
ment Interest	6.05	Graves Fund			1,765.00
		Road Machinery Rental Fund	167.49		1,472.83
		Tailings			206.34

Tax Titles	\$ 566.39	Overestimates — 1953:		
Tax Possessions	2,211.84	County Tax	2,778.23	2,186.30
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Departmental:		Federal Grants:		
Ambulance	\$ 821.20	Aid to Dependent Children:		
Health	249.08	Administration	\$ 506.59	
Highway	1,577.40	Aid	2,066.98	
Public Welfare	219.00	Old Age Assistance:		
Aid to Dependent Children (State) ..	3,659.31	Administration	3,976.44	
Old Age Assistance (Cities & Towns)	397.86	Aid	7,383.83	
Veterans Benefit (State)	2,114.09	Disability Assistance:		
Schools	4,235.01	Administration	212.05	
Municipal Athletic Field	158.42	Aid	1,758.20	15,904.09
Cemetery	690.00			
Airport Rental	3,625.00			
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Aid to Highways:		Appropriation Balances:		
State	\$ 2,427.97	Swimming Pool New Construction—		
County	1,213.99	Walkway, Driveway and Park. Area \$	108.99	
		Swim. Pool—Spec. Water Acc't	300.00	
		Airport Maintenance Account	460.18	
		Cemetery Improvement Account	827.05	
		Civil Defense	683.71	
		Cross St. Reconstruction—Main St.		
		to River St.	1,806.45	
		Repair Dam at 2nd Reservoir	544.80	
Underestimate — 1953:				
State Parks & Reservation Tax	\$ 765.11			

County T. B. Hospital Maintenance
Tax

5,410.99

6,176.10

East Main St. Drain & Curbing	693.49
Eastford School Sidewalk	179.21
Foster St. Parking Lot Drain	790.25
Foster St. Parking Lot Repairs	526.22
Hill St. Reconstruction	3,800.00
Morris St. Extension	167.18
Morris St. Sidewalk	1,200.00
Nuisance Brook Culvert	383.70
Porch Removal—Morris St.	100.00
Plympton Sewer Payment	61.80
School Bldg. Improvement Acc't	4,796.20
Swim. Pool—Litchfield Ave. Drain	1,000.00
Town Hall Alterations and Repairs	38.64
Town Government Survey	171.06
Board of Appeals	204.60
By-Laws Revision	530.27
Fire—New Pumper	19,483.75
	38,857.55

Over-Payment 1952 Poll Tax

6.00

Sewer Assessment Reserve

20,285.95

Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus

26,511.16

Overlays Reserved for Abatements:

Levy of 1953 \$ 10,540.91
Levy of 1952 3,262.40

Overdrawn Account:

1953—Chapter 90 Construction \$ 2,550.79

Globe Village Fire Station Disabled Veterans .45

2,551.24

Levy of 1951

11.24

13,814.55

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Revenue	\$ 13,891.70
Sewer Assessments	167.49
Tax Title Revenue & Tax Possessions	2,778.23
Departmental	17,746.37
Aid to Highways	3,641.96

38,225.75

Excess and Deficiency

165,410.50

\$446,435.90

\$446,435.90

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES

O'drawn Accounts 1/1/53	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Various Accounts	Balance Forward to 1954 12/31/53
General Government:								
Moderator—Salary	60.00		60.00	20.00		20.00	40.00	
Moderator—Expense	12.00		12.00	12.00		12.00		
Finance Committee	100.00		100.00	10.00		10.00	90.00	
Selectmen—Salaries	3,990.00		3,990.00	3,915.00		3,915.00	75.00	
Selectmen—Expense	1,000.00							
By Refund		15.00	1,015.00	1,004.77		1,004.77	10.23	
Accountant—Salaries	4,966.00		4,966.00	4,966.00		4,966.00		
Accountant—Expense	500.00		500.00	453.14		453.14	46.86	
Accountant—New Steel File	200.00		200.00	200.00		200.00		
Treasurer—Salaries	4,705.00							
By Excess & Deficiency		600.00	5,305.00	5,305.00		5,305.00		
Treasurer—Expense	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,598.46		1,598.46	1.54	
Tax Collector—Salaries	5,270.00		5,270.00	5,270.00		5,270.00		
Tax Collector—Expense	2,578.00							
By Refund		2.52	2,580.52	2,451.40		2,451.40	129.12	
Town Collector—Salaries	550.00		550.00	550.00		550.00		
Town Collector—Expenses	150.00		150.00	147.38		147.38	2.62	
Assessors—Salaries	6,526.00		6,526.00	6,526.00		6,526.00		
Assessors—Expense	1,100.00		1,100.00	1,077.10				
To Assessors—Travel					15.00	1,092.10	7.90	
Assessors—Travel	300.00							
By Assessors Expense		15.00	315.00	315.00		315.00		
Town Clerk—Salaries	2,688.00							
By Reserve Fund		150.00	2,838.00	2,835.91		2,835.91	2.09	
Town Clerk—Expense	531.00							
By Reserve Fund		140.64	671.64	642.58		642.58	29.06	
Election & Regs.—Sal.	550.00		550.00	550.00		550.00		
Elec. & Reg.—Elec. Sal.	3,957.00		3,957.00	3,772.12		3,772.12	184.88	
Elec. & Reg.—Relisting Exp.	1,979.00		1,979.00	1,978.48		1,978.48	.52	

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

O'drawn Accounts 1/1/53	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Various Accounts	Balance Forward Accounts to 1954	O'drawn Accounts 12/31/53
Law—Salary	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,600.00		1,600.00			
Law—Expense	300.00								
By Reserve Fund		500.00		799.76		799.76	.24		
Engineering—Salaries	16,500.00		800.00	16,495.97		16,495.97	4.03		
Engineering—Expense	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,997.76		1,997.76	2.24		
Town Hall—Salary	2,884.00		2,884.00	2,884.00		2,884.00			
Town Hall—Expense	5,500.00		5,500.00	5,483.64		5,483.64	16.36		
Planning Board	650.00								
By Excess & Deficiency		265.45	915.45	915.31		915.31	.14		
Bd. of Appeals—1-1-53 Bal.		204.60	204.60					204.60	
Contrib. Retirem. System	1,090.00		1,090.00	1,090.00		1,090.00			
By-Laws Revision	500.00								
Balance Jan. 1, 1953		81.84	581.84	51.57		51.57		530.27	
Total General Government	74,336.00	1,975.05	76,311.05	74,918.35	15.00	74,933.35	642.83	734.87	
Protection of Persons & Property									
Police—Salaries	83,394.00		83,394.00	83,360.11		83,360.11		33.89	
Police—Fingerpr. Ident.	500.00		500.00	480.63		480.63		19.37	
Police—One Cruiser	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,997.81		1,997.81		2.19	
Police—Building Repairs	500.00		500.00	481.58		481.58		18.42	
Police—Sch. Saf. Patrol Sup.	500.00		500.00	488.90		488.90		11.10	
Police—Aux. Police Equipm.	550.00		550.00	519.71		519.71		30.29	
Police—Officers Equipm.	400.00		400.00	397.84		397.84		2.16	
Police—Expense	10,238.00								
By Refund		1.65	10,239.65	10,236.36		10,236.36		3.29	
Police—Park. Met. Div. Sal.									
By Parking Meter Fees		7,784.00	7,784.00	7,750.90		7,750.90		33.10	
Police—Park. Met. Div.—Exp.									
By Parking Meter Div. Fees		2,680.00	2,680.00	2,680.00		2,680.00			

Fire—Salaries	72,107.00	72,067.91	72,067.91	39.09
Fire—Expense	5,450.00	5,352.14	5,352.14	97.86
Fire—Out of State Travel	150.00	52.90	52.90	97.10
Fire—New Undergr. Cables and Fire Alarm Boxes	4,500.00			
Balance 1/1/53		1,307.15		
Fire—New Pumper	19,500.00	5,393.53	5,393.53	413.62
Fire—Hydrants	21,385.00	16.25	16.25	19,483.75
Forest Fire—Salaries	200.00	20,783.75	20,783.75	601.25
Forest Fire—Expense	1,000.00	200.00	200.00	
By Reserve Fund				
Ambulance—Expense	1,200.00	1,735.54	1,695.61	39.93
Sealer of Wts. & Meas.—Sal.	1,300.00	1,200.00	1,092.50	107.50
Seal. of Wts. & Meas.—Exp.	400.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Tree Warden	2,000.00	400.00	331.93	68.07
Dutch Elm Disease	3,000.00	2,000.00	1,999.95	.05
Moth Extermination	400.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Animal Insp.—Salary	125.00	400.00	400.00	
Animal Insp.—Expense	75.00	124.92	124.92	.08
Building Insp.—Salary	400.00	74.90	74.90	.10
Building Insp.—Expense	150.00	400.00	400.00	
Wire Insp.—Salary	400.00	149.08	149.08	.92
Wire Inspector—Expense	150.00	400.00	400.00	
Dog Officer	500.00	147.25	147.25	2.75
Street Lighting	21,000.00	497.50	497.50	2.50
Total Prot. of Persons and Property	253,474.00	20,321.17	20,321.17	678.83
		244,195.13	244,195.13	21,787.21
Health and Sanitation:				
Health—Salaries	10,505.00	9,738.99	9,738.99	766.01
Health—Expense	500.00	439.77	439.77	60.23
Health—Chest X-Rays	700.00	377.32	377.32	322.68
Health TB Contag. Diseases	6,000.00			
By Reserve Fund				
By Refund	1,000.00			
Health—Premature Births	2,000.00	7,110.85	6,241.94	868.91
		110.85		

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

O'drawn Accounts 1/1/53	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Various Accounts	Balance Forward to 1954	O'drawn Accounts 12/31/53
By Refund		143.60	2,143.60	551.60		551.60	1,592.00		
Health—Travel	400.00		400.00	268.38		268.38	131.62		
Health—Vital Statistics	200.00		200.00	191.00		191.00	9.00		
Health—Garbage Collection	8,998.00		8,998.00	8,998.00		8,998.00			
Sewer—Salaries	3,570.00		3,570.00	3,570.00		3,570.00			
Sewer—Extra Labor	1,000.00								
By Excess & Deficiency		1,550.00	2,550.00	1,638.88		1,638.88	911.12		
Sewer—Expense	1,500.00								
By Sewer Special Repairs		843.22	2,343.22	1,632.57		1,632.57	710.65		
Sewer Special Repairs	2,000.00		2,000.00	759.00					
To Sewer Expense					843.22	1,602.22	397.78		
Total Health & Sanitation	37,373.00	3,647.67	41,020.67	34,407.45	843.22	35,250.67	5,770.00		
Highways:									
Highways—Salaries	3,702.00		3,702.00	3,700.18		3,700.18	1.82		
Highways—Labor	33,000.00								
By Excess & Deficiency		3,432.00	36,432.00	36,431.36		36,431.36	.64		
Highway—Expense	10,000.00								
By Refunds		104.43	10,104.43	10,081.45		10,081.45	22.98		
Highway—Oil for Roads	10,000.00		10,000.00	9,968.59		9,968.59	31.41		
Highway—Road Mach. Mainten.	10,000.00		10,000.00	9,997.80		9,997.80	2.20		
Highway—New Equip. Rd. Mch.	5,000.00		5,000.00	4,955.00		4,955.00	45.00		
1953 Chap. 90 Rd. Maint.	1,000.00								
By Highway Aid Rev.		2,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00		3,000.00			
1952 Chap. 90 Maint.	2,000.00		2,000.00						
By Highway Aid Revenue			1,890.00	1,890.00		1,890.00			
Town Dump	1,890.00		1,890.00						
Town Dump Rodent Control	900.00		900.00	900.00		900.00			
Rubbish Collection	3,500.00		3,500.00	3,499.94		3,499.94	.06		

Snow and Ice	15,000.00	15,000.00	14,726.80	14,726.60	273.40
Total Highways	2,000.00	93,992.00	7,536.43	101,528.43	99,150.92
					377.51

Charities & Veterans Benefits:

General Relief—Salaries	3,100.00	3,100.00	3,059.65	3,059.65	40.35
General Relief—Expense	32,000.00	32,083.40	24,021.24	27,521.24	4,562.16
To Disabil. Ass't. Exp.				3,500.00	
Disability Ass't.—Sal.	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Disability Ass't.—Exp.	6,000.00				
By Gen. Relief Expense		3,500.00			
By Relief		27.05			
A.D.C.—Salaries	1,400.00	9,527.05	9,115.31	9,115.31	411.74
A.D.C.—Expense	22,000.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	
By Refund					
O.A.A.—Salaries	6,530.00	22,139.40	22,139.40	22,139.40	
O.A.A.—Expense	104,000.00	6,530.00	6,530.00	6,530.00	
By Refund		489.50	104,489.50	104,489.50	
A.D.C. Fed. Gr.—Sal. & Adm.					
Balance 1-1-53		297.37			506.59
From Comm. of Mass.		738.36	1,035.73	529.14	
A.D.C. Fed. Gr.—Expense					
Balance 1-1-53		1,488.99			
By Refund		129.70			
From Comm. of Mass.		13,892.41	15,511.10	13,444.12	2,066.98
O.A.A. Fed. Gr.—Sal. & Adm.					
Balance 1-1-53		3,244.90			
From Comm. of Mass.		5,870.04	9,114.94	5,138.50	3,976.44
O.A.A. Fed. Gr.—Exp.					
Balance 1-1-53		23,350.92			
By Refund		669.40			
From Comm. of Mass.		112,346.30	136,366.62	128,982.79	7,383.83
D.A. Fed. Gr.—Sal. & Adm.					
Balance 1-1-53		228.54			
From Comm. of Mass.		194.51	423.05	211.00	212.05
D.A. Fed. Gr.—Expense					
Balance 1-1-53		62.45			

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

O'drawn Accounts 1/1/53	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Various Accounts	Balance Forward to 1954 12/31/53
By Refund		40.80						
From Comm. of Mass.		8,778.57	8,881.82	7,123.62		7,123.62		1,758.20
Infirmary—Salaries	2,236.00		2,236.00	2,236.00		2,236.00		
Infirmary—Expense	8,500.00							
By Refund		300.00						
Infirmary—Bathroom Repair	300.00		8,800.00	8,272.81		8,272.81	527.19	
Veterans Benefits—Sal.	1,240.00		300.00	300.00		300.00		
Veterans Benefits—Expense	22,000.00		1,240.00	1,240.00		1,240.00		
By Refund		409.73						
By Excess & Deficiency		5,847.59						
By Burial Allow. Vet. Organ.		400.00						
By Soldiers Burial Acct.		400.00	29,057.32	29,047.90		29,047.90	9.42	
Soldiers Burials	400.00		400.00					
To Veterans Benefits Exp.					400.00	400.00		
Veterans Services—Sal.	3,626.00		3,626.00	3,626.00		3,626.00		
Veterans Services—Expense	500.00		500.00	495.15		495.15	4.85	
Burial Allow. to Vet. Org.	500.00		500.00					
To Veterans Benef. Exp.					400.00	400.00	100.00	
Maint. of Vets. Graves	450.00		450.00	449.53		449.53	.47	
Total Char. & Vet. Benefit	215,282.00	182,929.93	398,211.93	372,351.66	4,300.00	376,651.66	5,656.18	15,904.09
Schools and Library:								
Schools—Salaries	411,236.00							
By Refund		10.60	411,246.60	407,134.98		407,134.98	4,111.62	
Schools—Expense	95,792.00							
By Refund		55.71	95,847.71	95,847.56		95,847.56	.15	
Schools—Contingency Fund	5,000.00		5,000.00	4,980.49		4,980.49	19.51	
Cole Trade Sch.—Heat. Alter.								
Balance 1-1-53		12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00		12,000.00		

Library—Salaries	13,424.00				
By Refund	17.00				
From Library Trustees	701.31	14,142.31	14,142.31	14,142.31	
Library—Expense	4,250.00				
By Refund	26.10				
From Library Trustees	193.45	4,469.55	4,469.55	4,469.55	
Libr. Altera. & Improve.	1,000.00				
Balance 1-1-53	4,782.95				
From Library Trustees	139.30	5,922.25	5,922.25	5,922.25	
Total School & Library	530,702.00	548,628.42	544,497.14	544,497.14	4,131.28

Recreation & Unclassified:

Parks	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Playgrounds	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,979.89	3,979.89	20.11
World War Memorial Park	375.00	375.00	374.52	374.52	.48
Honor Roll	350.00	350.00	262.99	262.99	87.01
Band Concerts	500.00	500.00	453.00	453.00	47.00
Swim. Pool—Salaries	3,200.00				
By Refund	8.00	3,208.00	3,139.51	3,139.51	68.49
Swimming Pool—Expense	650.00	650.00	648.58	648.58	1.42
Swim. Pool—New Construc.	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,891.01	1,891.01	
Swim. Pool—Spec. Water. Acct.	300.00	300.00			
Dresser St. Field—Salaries	4,300.00	4,300.00	4,299.93	4,299.93	.07
Dresser St. Field—Maint. & Imp.	2,900.00	2,900.00	2,900.00	2,900.00	
Dresser St. Fld.—Rep. to Field	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Alumni Field—Salaries	500.00	500.00	499.03	499.03	.97
Alumni Field—Expense	800.00	800.00	794.89	794.89	5.11
Alumni Field—New Construc.	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,944.70	2,944.70	55.30
Henry St. Field—Salaries	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Henry St. Field—Expense	500.00	500.00	499.98	499.98	.02
Henry St. Fld.—Maint. & Impr.	1,000.00	1,000.00	999.91	999.91	.09
Airport Maintenance Account					
Balance 1-1-53		460.18	460.18		460.18
Dam. to Persons & Property	1,500.00				
By Outstand. Bills of Prev. Yrs.		525.74	1,924.26	1,924.26	101.48

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

O'drawn Accounts 1/1/53	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Various Accounts	Balance Forward to 1954	O'drawn Accounts 12/31/53
Memorial Day	900.00		900.00	900.00		900.00			
Armistice Day	300.00		300.00	300.00		300.00			
Annual Reports	1,700.00		1,700.00	1,673.09		1,673.09	26.91		
Pensions (Non Contrib.)	8,000.00		8,000.00	7,603.81		7,603.81	396.19		
Insurance	23,000.00		23,000.00	20,355.20		20,355.20	2,644.80		
Town Clock	50.00		50.00	49.92		49.92	.08		
Outst. Bills of Prev. Yrs.	3,158.18		3,158.18	2,632.44					
To Dam. to Persons & Prop.					525.74	3,158.18			
Pension Accum. Fund	17,927.00		17,927.00	17,927.00		17,927.00			
Retire- System—Military Leave	91.00		91.00	91.00		91.00			
Southbridge Rent Control	950.00								
By Refund		9.52	959.52	567.85		567.85	391.67		
Total Recreation & Unclassified	84,651.18	1,003.44	85,654.62	80,412.51	525.74	80,938.25	3,847.20		869.17
Cemetery:									
Cemetery Expense	4,750.00								
From Dividends		2,607.70							
By Louise Orr Fund		60.00	7,417.70	7,392.81		7,392.81	24.89		
Cemetery Improvement Account		1,027.91							
Balance 1-1-53		870.00	1,897.91	1,070.86		1,070.86		827.05	
By Sale of Lots & Graves Fund									
Total Cemetery	4,750.00	4,565.61	9,315.61	8,463.67		8,463.37	24.89		827.95
Special Accounts:									
Blackmer Dd. & Dudley Riv. Rd.	1,400.00		1,400.00	1,399.28		1,399.28	.72		
Civil Defense	400.00								
Balance 1-1-53		1,259.18	1,659.18	975.47		975.47		683.71	
Cliff St. Bridge									
Balance 1-1-53		52.68	52.68				52.68		

Cole Ave. Sew. Reimburse.	1,629.94	1,629.92	1,629.92	.02
Coombs St. Reconstruction	6,300.00	5,336.11	5,336.11	963.89
Coombs St. Sewer				
By Reserve Fund				
Charlton St. Reconstruc.	15,700.00	2,740.00	2,693.90	46.10
By Excess & Deficiency				
Crane St. Resurfacing		5,100.00	19,846.15	953.85
By Excess & Deficiency				
To Cross St. Reconstruction		31,250.00	30,240.57	1,009.43
Cross St. Reconstruction	12,000.00		2,000.00	
By Various Accounts		5,000.00	15,193.55	1,806.45
Repair to Dam. at 2nd Reservoir				
By Excess & Deficiency		1,500.00	955.20	544.80
Dresser Prop. Maintenance	400.00	400.00	400.00	
East Main St. Drain & Curb.	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,306.51	693.49
E. Main St. Curb—Lensdale Gate				
To No. Woodstock Road				
From Excess & Deficiency		8,424.00	7,717.97	706.03
1953 Chap. 90 Construction—				
East Road—Cont. 14252	5,000.00	11,358.04	18,908.83	18,908.83
1952 Chap. 90—Eastford Rd.				
Constr.—Cont. 14071				
Balance 1-1-53		4,956.90		
By Highway Aid		13,824.25	18,426.83	354.32
Eastford Rd. Sch. Sidewalk				
Balance 1-1-53		179.21		179.21
Edward St. Reconstruction	5,300.00	5,300.00	4,678.40	621.60
Elm St. Reconstruction				
Balance 1-1-53		13,713.87	13,458.21	255.66
Elm St. Resurfacing				
By Excess & Deficiency	19,500.00	19,500.00	18,056.10	1,433.10
Foster St. Park. Lot Drain				
Balance 1-1-53		3,319.75	2,529.50	790.25
Foster St. Parking Lot Repairs				
Balance 1-1-53		944.70	418.48	526.22
				2,550.79

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

O'drawn Accounts 1/1/53	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Various Accounts	Balance Forward to 1954	O'drawn Accounts 12/31/53
Foster St. Park. Lot— Retaining Wall	2,200.00		2,200.00	2,130.33		2,130.33	69.67		
Globe Village Fire Station— Disabled Veterans	350.00		350.00	350.45		350.45			.45
Goddard St. Sidewalk Paymt									
Balance 1-1-53		360.00	360.00	360.00		360.00			
Hartwell Ter. Sew. Reimb.	625.60		625.60	625.60		625.00			
Henry Street Drain									
By Excess & Deficiency	8,000.00		8,000.00	8,000.00		8,000.00		3,800.00	
Hill St. Reconstruction	3,800.00		3,800.00						
Relocation of Hook St. at Hamilton Street	25.00		25.00	25.00		25.00			
Improvement of Land to Abutters on South Street									
By Excess & Deficiency		670.00	670.00	660.39		660.39	9.61		
Kingsley St. Sidewalk Purchase									
Balance 1-1-53		350.00	350.00	350.00		350.00			
Leonide Lemire V.F.W. Post No. 6055—Lease									
Main & East Main St. Resurfacing—Bal. 1-1-53	900.00		900.00	900.00		900.00			
Maple St. Ter. Sew. Paym.		1,368.50	1,368.50				1,368.50		
Morris St. Extension Balance 1-1-53	901.45		901.45	901.45		901.45			
Morris St. Sidewalk		167.18	167.18					167.18	
Nuisance Brook Culvert By Reserve Fund		1,200.00	1,200.00					1,200.00	
		1,250.00	1,250.00	866.30		866.30			383.70

Oakes Ave. & Main St. Recon.						
Balance 1-1-53	2,406.50	2,406.50	2,247.50	2,247.50	159.00	
Old Sturbridge Rd. Drain	2,493.62	2,493.62	1,516.40	1,516.40	977.22	
Balance 1-1-53	100.00	100.00				100.00
Porch Remov.—Morris St.	61.80	61.80				61.80
Plimpton St. Sew. Paym.	313.60	313.60			313.60	
Poplar Street Drain	336.00	336.00	129.65	129.65	206.35	
Balance 1-1-53	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,998.14	2,998.14	1.86	
Prospect Street Drain	4,796.20	4,796.20				-4,796.20
Roosevelt Storm Drain	4,796.20	4,796.20				
School Building Impr. Account			4,796.20	4,796.20		
By School Bldg. & Archit. Surv.						
Sch. Bldg. & Archit. Surv.	2,605.09	2,605.09	2,605.09	2,605.09		
Balance 1-1-53	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,169.69	2,169.69	30.31	
To Sch. Bldg. Improv. Acct.	1,000.00	1,000.00				1,000.00
Sewage Disposal Plant—						
Engin. Serv. — Bal. 1-1-53	363.12	10,363.12	10,324.48	10,324.48	38.64	
Survey of Wages & Sal.	171.06	171.06				171.06
By Excess & Deficiency						
Swim. Pool—Litchfield Ave. Drain						
Balance 1-1-53	10,000.00					
Town Hall Atl. & Rep.						
Balance 1-1-53	75.00	75.00			75.00	
Town Government Survey	6,000.00	6,000.00	5,969.83	5,969.83	30.17	
Cutting Tree in Town Hall Yd.						
Union St. Reconstruction	1,000.00	1,000.00	735.33	735.33	264.67	
Westville Bridge Repairs						
By Excess & Deficiency	103.94	103.94				103.94
Westwood Pkwy. Resurfacing						
Balance 1-1-53	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,098.43	1,098.43	1.57	
Woodycrest Ave. Drain						

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

1/1/53 O'drawn Accounts	Approp.	Transfers Prev. Bal. Refunds	Receipts Total	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Various Accounts	Balance Forward to 1954 12/31/53
Woodycrest Ave. Sewer Reimbursement	949.80		949.80	949.80		949.80		
Worcester St. Drain— To Cady Brook	550.00		550.00	264.55		264.55	285.45	
Parking Meter Fees Balance from 1952		6,469.74 18,980.53						
Receipts			25,450.27	8,576.25	10,464.00	19,040.25		6,410.02
Total Special Accounts	111,106.79	157,185.66	268,292.45	219,925.64	17,260.20	237,185.84	10,305.12	23,352.73
								2,551.24

Interest and Maturing Debt:

Interest Temporary Loans	2,200.00							
By Reserve Fund		474.51	2,674.51	2,662.07		2,662.07	12.44	
Interest—Fixed Debt	840.00		840.00	840.00		840.00		
Maturing Debt	10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00		10,000.00		
Anticipation of Revenue Loans								
Balance 1-1-53		100,000.00						
Issued in 1953	400,000.00		500,000.00	400,000.00		400,000.00		100,000.00
Total Int. & Maturing Debt	413,040.00	100,474.51	513,514.51	413,502.07		413,502.07	12.44	100,000.00

Agency, Trust and Investment:

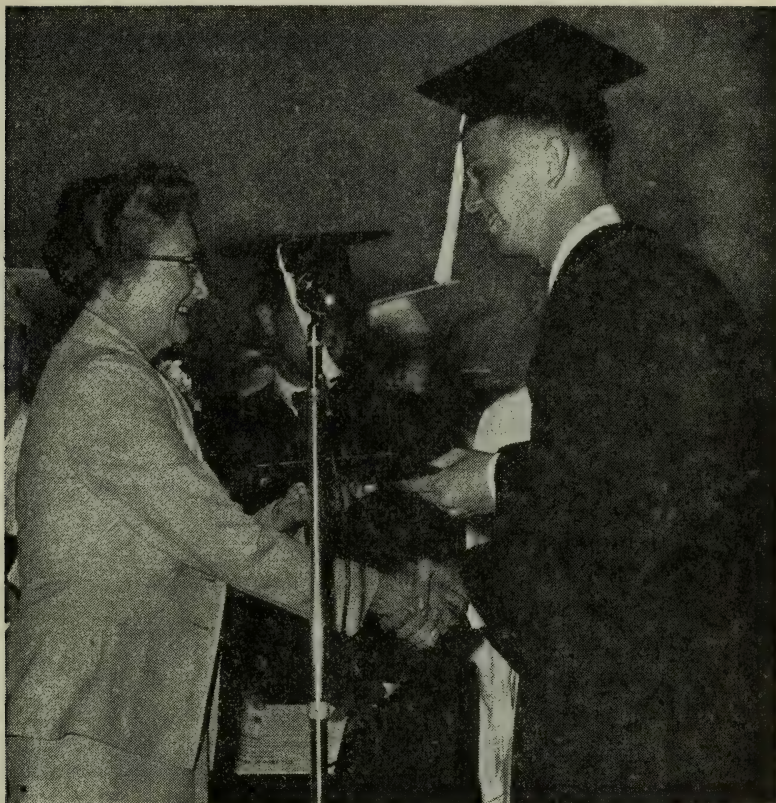
Federal Tax Deductions	92,155.32		92,155.32			92,155.32		
Deposits on Plans and Bids	6,790.00							
Balance from 1952	55.00		6,845.00					
To Excess & Deficiency					55.00			
Blue Cross	8,050.65		8,050.65	6,790.00		6,845.00		
Mabel Murphy Fund	60.00			8,050.65		8,050.65		
Balance from 1952	81.47		141.47	40.00		40.00		101.47
Adah Stedman Fund	30.00							
Balance from 1952	74.06		104.06	29.60		29.60		74.46

J. J. Angell Fund	31.27	31.27	31.27		
Balance from 1952					
Alex Boyer, Jr., Fund	11.29	11.29	11.29		
Balance from 1952					
Ella M. Cole Fund	432.41				
Balance from 1952	81.25	513.66	68.10		
Fund Income	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00		445.56
Estate of Louise Orr					
Mary Mynott Fund	20.63				
Balance from 1952	30.00	50.63	5.24		45.39
Fund Income					
Post War Rehabilitation Fund					
Fund Income—Invested	3,375.00	3,375.00	3,375.00		
School Athletic Fund	1,000.00				
Balance from 1952	3,324.32				
Receipts	7,824.25				
By Refunds	18.42	12,166.99	7,087.46		5,079.53
School Lunch Program					
Balance from 1952	447.94				
From State	4,005.99				
By Reserve Fund	3,000.00				
Cafeteria Receipts	16,903.47				
By Refunds	88.85	27,246.25	23,549.18		3,697.07
Dog Tax for County	1,931.80	1,931.80	1,931.80		
Cemetery Perpet. Care Bequests— Deposited	1,570.00	1,570.00	1,570.00		
State Audit. Tax 356.46-O.D.					
1-1-53					
By 1953 Revenue	1,601.06	1,601.06	1,601.06		
State Parks & Reservation Tax					
By 1953 Revenue	1,781.10	1,781.10	2,546.21		
O'drawn Acct.—1-1-53					765.11
179.50					
State Exam. of Retirem. Sys.					
By 1953 Revenue	50.50	50.50	50.50		
County Tax					
Balance from 1952	4,095.44				

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

O'drawn Accounts 1/1/53	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Various Accounts	Balance Forward to 1954	O'drawn Accounts 12/31/53
By 1953 Revenue		48,964.39	53,059.83	46,778.09	4,095.44	50,873.53		2,186.30	
To 1953 Revenue									
County TB Hosp. Maint. Tax									
Balance from 1952		1,093.75							
By 1953 Revenue		33,426.32	34,520.07	38,837.31	1,093.75	39,931.06			5,410.99
To 1953 Revenue									
Smith-Hughes Fund									
From State		1,885.09	1,885.09	1,885.09		1,885.09			
Total Agency, Trust and Investment and Refunds	2,535.96	253,291.04	257,091.04	246,350.61	5,244.19	251,594.80		11,672.34	6,176.10
Recapitulation:									
General Government	74,336.00	1,975.05	76,311.05	74,918.35	15.00	74,933.35	642.83	734.87	
Protect. to Pers. & Prop.	253,474.00	12,508.34	265,982.34	244,195.13		244,195.13	21,787.21		
Health & Sanitation	37,373.00	3,647.67	41,020.67	34,407.45	843.22	35,250.67	5,770.00		
Highways	93,992.00	7,536.43	101,528.43	99,150.92		99,150.92	377.51		
Char. & Vet. Benefits	215,282.00	182,929.93	398,211.93	372,351.66	4,300.00	376,651.66	5,656.18	15,904.09	
Schools & Library	530,702.00	17,926.42	548,628.42	544,497.14		544,497.14	4,131.28		
Recreation & Unclass.	84,651.18	1,003.44	85,654.62	80,412.51	525.74	80,938.25	3,847.20	869.17	
Cemeteries & Enterp.	4,750.00	4,565.61	9,315.61	8,463.67		8,463.67	24.89	827.05	
Special Accounts	111,106.79	157,185.66	268,292.45	221,925.64	17,260.20	239,185.84	10,305.12	23,352.73	2,551.24
Int. & Matur. Debt	413,040.00	100,474.51	513,514.51	413,502.07		413,502.07	12.44	100,000.00	
Agency, Trust, 535.96-O.D. Invest. & Refunds	3,800.00	253,291.04	257,091.04	245,976.06	5,244.19	251,220.25		11,672.34	6,176.10
	2,535.96	1,822,506.97	2,565,551.07	2,339,800.60	28,188.35	2,367,988.95	52,554.66	153,360.25	8,727.34

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MRS. STEEN PRESENTS DIPLOMA

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

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**SOUTHBIDGE TYPESETTING COMPANY
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THE SOUTHBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1953-1954

Mrs. Alexander Steen, Jr., Chairman, 28 Maple St.	1955
Mrs. Frederic Beck, Vice-Chairman, 103 Eastford Rd.	1956
Lorenzo J. Beaupre, 131 Central St.	1954
Eugene LeBlanc, 107 Pine St.	1956
Paul A. Roy, 141 Everett St.	1954
Belmore St. Amant, 11 Edwards St.	1955

Meetings of School Committee

The regular meetings of the School Committee are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P. M. in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Town Hall.

There are no regular meetings in July and August.

Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Robert H. McCarn

Residence: 17 Franklin Terrace Tel. 4-6936

Office: Town Hall Tel. 4-4721

Secretaries

Margaret R. Connolly, 14 South St. Tel. 4-6513

Gloria C. Cuikaj, 5 Roosevelt Drive Tel. 4-8887

The Superintendent's office is open from Monday through Friday, from 8:30 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.

School Physicians

Dr. William Langevin, 24 Everett St. Tel. 4-7358

Dr. Adah B. Eccleston, 62 Elm St. Tel. 4-8141

School Nurse

Lottie A. LeBlanc, 54 Westwood Parkway Tel. 4-3359

School Calendar — 1954

Winter term, seven weeks January 4 - February 19
Spring term, seven weeks March 1 - April 16
Summer term, eight weeks April 26 - June 18
Fall term, sixteen weeks September 8 - December 23

No-School Announcement

The official No-School Announcement for all schools will be given over Station WTAG at 7 A. M.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Expenditures

Salaries	\$407,124.38
Other Expenses (Including Transportation, Tuition, Medical Expenses, Textbooks, Supplies, Op- eration and Maintenance of Plant, New Equip- ment, Maintenance of Equipment, Capital Out- lay, etc.)	95,763.35
Playgrounds	3,979.89
Contingency Fund	4,980.49
Smith-Hughes Fund	1,885.09
Federal Lunch Program (Cafeteria)	2,000.00
General Athletic Fund	802.85
Balance on Hand December 31, 1953	4,700.10

Reimbursements

State Aid for Schools (Chap. 70, as Amended 1948 Chap. 643)	\$127,269.63
Vocational School (Coop.) State Grant	6,771.56
Vocational School (Day) State Grant	28,065.31
Vocational School (Eve.) State Grant	848.33
Vocational (Evening Apprentice)	457.80
Household Arts—State Grant	3,228.12
Evening Practical Arts School	660.07
Smith-Hughes U. S. Gov. Fund	1,885.09
High School Tuition	23,599.06
Elementary School Tuition	711.17
Vocational School Tuition	10,801.93

Tuition of Pupils to Vocational School (Girls' Trade, Worcester)	179.78	
Cole Trade High—Evening School Tuition	178.20	
Cole Trade High School —Goods Sold	7.00	
Transportation (Charlton)	11.52	
Transportation Vocational Pupils	73.11	
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Total Receipts Returned to Town Treasurer		\$204,747.68

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

In Brief:

Total Expenditures	\$514,650.96
Total Receipts Returned to Town Treasurer	204,747.68

Net Cost to Town	\$309,903.28
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In Detail:

Receipts to School Department Appropriation	\$519,827.42
Smith-Hughes Fund, U. S. Gov.	1,885.09

Total — Funds Available	521,712.51
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Expenditures

General Control:

Salaries	\$ 12,861.50
Other Expenses	1,569.49

Total—General Control	14,430.99
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Auxiliary Agencies:

Transportation	\$ 21,279.22
Tuition to other schools	959.00
Compulsory Attendance	275.00
School Doctors	2,000.00
School Nurse	2,640.00
Medical Expenses	530.89

Total—Auxiliary Agencies	27,684.11
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High School:

Instruction Salaries	\$100,424.70
Instruction Expenses:	
Textbooks	2,901.53
Supplies	4,969.77
Other Expenses	561.49
Operation of Plant	14,943.89

Maintenance of Plant	5,094.57	
Capital Outlay	1,588.79	
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Total — High School		130,484.74
Elementary Schools:		
Instruction Salaries	\$185,742.13	
Instruction Expenses:		
Textbooks	3,578.79	
Supplies	7,535.23	
Other Expenses	335.99	
Operation of Plant	30,028.66	
Maintenance of Plant	5,622.51	
Capital Outlay	2,171.87	
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Total — Elementary Schools		235,015.18
Vocational School:		
Instruction Salaries	\$ 60,107.18	
Instruction Expenses:		
Textbooks	402.70	
Supplies	3,801.43	
Other Expenses	312.25	
Operation of Plant	5,793.93	
Maintenance of Plant	3,903.90	
Capital Outlay	2,638.85	
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Total — Vocational School		76,960.24
Evening High School:		
Instruction Salaries	\$ 1,029.10	
Instruction Expenses:		
Supplies	51.80	
Operation of Plant	300.00	
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Total — Evening High School		1,380.90
Elementary Evening School:		
Instruction Salaries	\$ 1,030.00	
Instruction Expenses	8.29	
Operation of Plant	150.00	
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Total — Elementary Evening School		1,188.29
Evening Vocational School:		
Instruction Salaries	\$ 1,918.10	
Instruction Expenses:		
Textbooks	48.00	
Supplies	410.07	

Operation of Plant	100.00	
Maintenance of Plant	102.03	
Total — Evening Vocational School		2,578.20
Household Arts:		
Instruction Salaries	\$ 5,735.00	
Instruction Expenses:		
Supplies	401.98	
Textbooks	49.29	
Maintenance of Plant	60.17	
Total — Household Arts		6,246.44
Industrial Arts:		
Instruction Salaries	\$ 3,412.60	
Instruction Expenses:		
Supplies	85.80	
Total — Industrial Arts		3,498.40
Domestic Science:		
Instruction Salaries	\$ 1,835.00	
Instruction Expenses:		
Supplies	154.32	
Total — Domestic Science		1,989.32
Visual Aids:		
Instruction Salaries	\$ 800.00	
Instruction Expenses:		
Supplies	578.97	
Maintenance — Instructional		
Apparatus	51.95	
Total — Visual Aids		1,430.92
Playgrounds:		
Instruction Salaries	\$ 2,747.00	
Instruction Expenses	1,232.89	
Total — Playgrounds		3,979.89
Cafeteria		2,000.00
Contingency Fund		4,980.49
Athletic Fund (General)		802.85
Total Expenditures		\$514,650.96
Balance on Hand, December 31, 1953		\$ 4,700.10

ATHLETIC REPORT

Mary E. Wells High School

Balance on Hand January 1, 1953	\$2,659.19
Receipts January 1 - December 31, 1953	2,611.58
Receipts from Wells-Bartlett Game	3,835.80
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Total Receipts	\$9,106.57
Expenditures January 1 - December 31, 1953	4,763.26
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Balance December 31, 1953	\$4,343.31

Cole Trade High School

Balance on Hand January 1, 1953	\$ 313.57
Receipts January 1 - December 31, 1953	1,395.29
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Total Receipts	\$1,708.86
Expenditures January 1 - December 31, 1953	1,493.20
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Balance December 31, 1953	\$ 215.66

ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE

October 1, 1952 (Girls)

Gr.	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Tot.
I		27	90	3														120
II			12	63	6	1	1											83
III				8	51	8	1											68
IV					20	58	15	1										94
V						25	47	8	3									83
VI							19	41	5	1	1							67
VII								19	27	12	5	1						64
VIII									15	33	6	4						58
IX										18	42	19	7					86
X										2	24	36	10	1				73
XI												21	24	16	2			63
XII													7	21	23	5	1	57
Kdgn.																		
Un-graded		11	63															74
Tot.	11	90	102	74	77	92	83	69	50	67	80	88	62	40	7	1		993*

October 1, 1952 (Boys)

Gr.	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Tot.
I		21	73	4														98
II			12	55	10	3												80
III				12	51	13	3											79
IV					13	61	19	6										99
V						17	48	16	5									86
VI							13	43	7	10								73
VII								11	30	19	7	3						70
VIII									3	22	12	3						40
IX										14	27	5	5					51
X											9	21	8	1				39
XI												14	29	14	3	1		61
XII													10	23	5	2		40
Kdgn.																		
Un-graded		17	73															90
Tot.	17	94	85	71	74	94	84	76	46	65	56	49	52	38	8	3		912*

*Cole Trade High School not included.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Total Enrollment PUBLIC SCHOOLS	1,958
Total Enrollment NOTRE DAME	746
Total Enrollment STE. JEANNE D'ARC	312

Total Enrollment ST. MARY'S	226
Total Enrollment	
COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL (COOP.)	18
Total Enrollment	
COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL (DAY)	160

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens
of Southbridge, Massachusetts:

The schools of Southbridge belong to you, the people of Southbridge. It is logical, therefore, to assume that you have, or should have, a keen and abiding interest in them. You are entitled to know all about them. In this report for 1953, I shall try to present as clearly and precisely as possible, without color or exaggeration, a true and factual report of the condition of the school system.



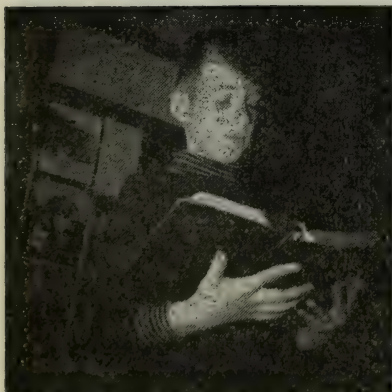
PARENTS VISIT OUR SCHOOLS

That a lot of progress has been made during the past year is certain; that there is still room for further growth and improvement is likewise certain.

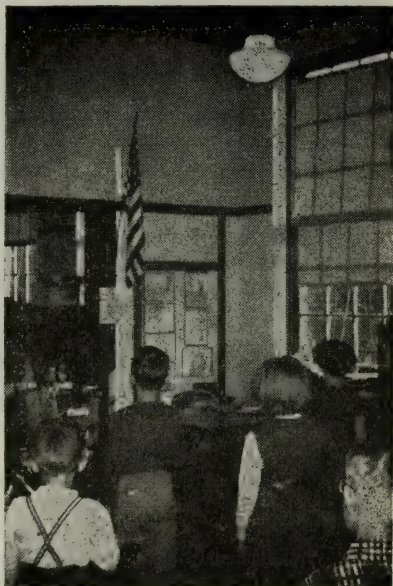
To better analyze and understand what our schools are doing and to avoid any confusion or misunderstanding on this matter, I would ask you, first of all, to consider the following few pertinent questions:

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF EDUCATION?
HOW ARE WE ACHIEVING THIS PURPOSE?

In answer to the first question, we might say that the purpose of education in our schools is simply to make the recipient a better individual, a better person, one who thinks and acts correctly toward his parents, teachers, neighbors, companions, his country and his God. Knowledge and true wisdom must be acquired. All his abilities must be developed, trained, and used for the purpose of doing good and avoiding evil. Learning to read with fluency and comprehension, to write, to spell, to calculate, are all fundamental requisites of a good education. Unless these subjects are well taught, then education becomes a farce and a fraud. Boys and girls must be well informed of the glorious history and ideals of this great nation. This means good citizenship in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. A sound education includes emphasis upon health and physical fitness, home life, the ability to earn a living, an appreciation of the fine arts such as music, painting, drawing, dramatics, public speaking, literature and culture in general. The purpose of education also presupposes in the individual, intelligent respect for law, order, and authority in all places, at all times, at home, at school, in public, or elsewhere. A proper evaluation of spiritual and moral truths is expected of every educated person. "Only a fool saith in his heart, there is no God."



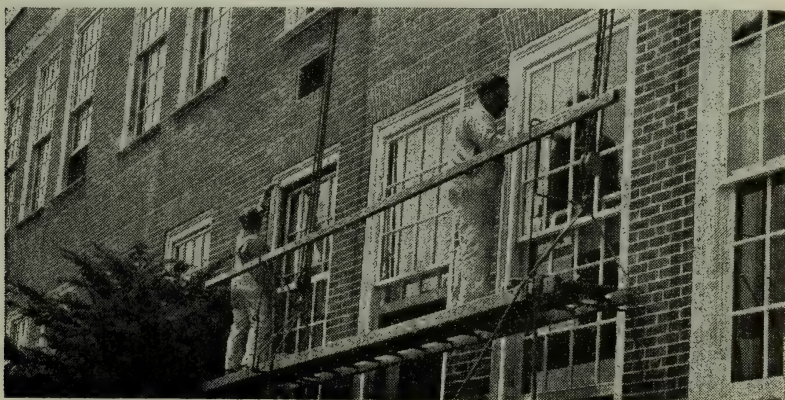
**IN SEARCH FOR TRUTH —
THE HOLY SCRIPTURES**



**"I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE
TO THE FLAG . . ."**

Our eyes are always upon improvement of instruction, whether it be in the grades or in high school. The supervising

principals in all schools are required to submit periodic reports of the classroom instruction being given by every teacher. New books, new equipment, adequate supplies, and instructional materials are being provided wherever most needed. The atmosphere and climate of instruction are not neglected. Interior decorating of classrooms with psychological color schemes play a vital part in producing proper surroundings for the learner. Whenever such purchases are made, light colored furniture for classrooms is purchased to replace the old. Light green chalkboards, newly sanded floors with blond finish bring much natural light to rooms that before were dark and gloomy. All this contributes much to the cheerful outlook of both teachers and pupils. It makes their experiences in school happier and healthier. Cleanliness and orderliness are insisted upon in each building. Proper habits, manners, and attitudes are in this way developed for the purpose of promoting good citizenship.



MAINTAINING OUR SCHOOL BUILDINGS

HOW ARE WE ACHIEVING THIS PURPOSE?

This report will contain several pictures or illustrations of the learning activities that are being conducted in our schools. These, better than words, will tell you what is being done through education for the boys and girls of this town. We will try to show you the emphasis that is being placed on basic or tool subjects in the elementary grades. Reading and phonetic drill are especially stressed. Notable progress has been made during the year in the primary grades in particular. Adjustment and orientation to school life, begun in the kindergarten and continued in the grades, is worthy of our attention and praise. You would have difficulty in finding a child who does not like to attend school. Teachers are using modern methods and techniques which arouse and stimulate the child's interest in learning. His achievement is such that he acquires confidence and enthusiasm for his school work.



A SCIENCE PROJECT WITH SHELLS



READING IS ESSENTIAL



INDIAN FOLKLORE



PLEASANT ST. SCHOOL NEWS



**JUNIOR RED CROSS PROJECT.
FAVORS MADE BY PUPILS
FOR HOSPITAL PATIENTS**

Let me call your attention now more specifically to some of the more important areas and divisions of our school system. In this way, you will better understand how we are achieving the purpose of education.

Guidance and Placement

During the year 1953, our Guidance Department has been capably directed by William A. Julien. Guidance in our schools extends from kindergarten through high school. A complete record is kept of every child from the day he enters school until he leaves. This is known as a cumulative record. Achievement tests are given each year. Intelligence tests, aptitude tests are likewise administered periodically.



APTITUDE TESTING



CHOOSING A COLLEGE

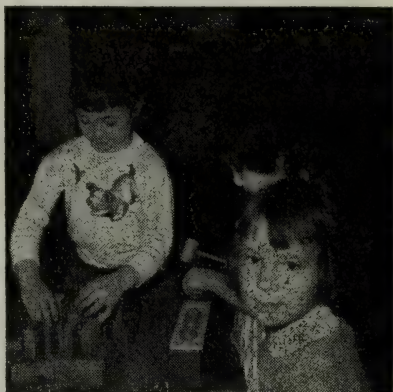
Group guidance classes are held in Mary E. Wells High School for each student twice a week. Speakers from various occupational fields are invited to address these classes.

Field trips are made to professional schools and industries to provide additional help and information to students.

Students are also counseled and helped personally and vocationally to find their place in life. A follow-up study of last year's graduating class shows that 36.4% are furthering their education in colleges or other schools of learning; 38.6% are employed as office workers, operators, clerks, etc.; 11.4% are married; 9% are in the armed services and only 3.1% are unemployed.



**ROTARY CLUB PROVIDES
RAINCOATS FOR TRAFFIC
SQUAD**



KINDERGARTEN PLAYTIME

Through the guidance department, it has been possible to establish good public relations with parents and pupils in helping them to solve their difficulties and select courses of study that are best adapted to their needs and abilities.

Art

Concerning our art program, let me quote Miss Claire Birtz, Art Supervisor: "The integrated art program in our elementary schools has been planned to contribute to the full development of each child from the primary grades where he realizes the satisfaction of working with his own hands, to the realistic stage where he gets a feeling for design and ties his experiences to his work.

"In the intermediate grades, work in design, painting, drawing, crafts, and appreciation give opportunities for creative expression to the average child as well as to the exceptionally talented. In the upper grades, more difficult problems are offered, including instruction in block printing, stenciling, the art of lettering, with brush or lettering pen, advanced color harmony, design, and participation in poster contests.



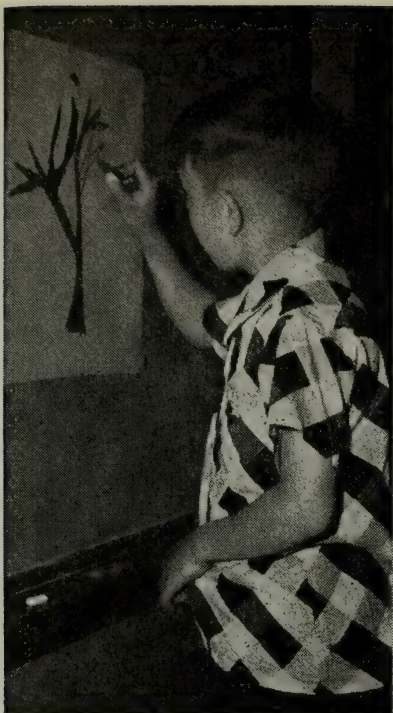
BUSILY ENGAGED



DISPLAYING OUR WORK



**A THRILLING EXPERIENCE
WATER PAINTING**



CHALK DRAWING

"Mary E. Wells High School offers an elective art course. This course is of great value to students who wish to further their studies in art. Students are given a thorough training in color theory, design, sketching, painting in water color and oils for advanced students, layout, black and white drawings for the school paper, three-dimensional problems, posters, block printing, stenciling, modeling, designing and printing, scenery for school programs, decorations for school dances. The course provides stimulating and practical problems to the average and to the very talented student."

Miss Birtz deserves much credit for her outstanding work and her contributions as Art Supervisor in Southbridge.

Vocal Music

A new music supervisor, Mr. Ellwood Jenness, was appointed in September to replace Miss Eleanor Van Etten, resigned.

Music activities are held in all grades. New equipment has been purchased and a new textbook arrangement has been made.

There are classes in Music for 8th grade pupils in Mary E. Wells High School. The High School Glee Club now numbers 70 members which represents a large increase in numbers.



GLEE CLUB

The Cole Trade High School also has a Glee Club of about 40 members.

Many fine programs were given during the year and were received with much praise and appreciation by the various audiences.

Instrumental Music



OUR BAND

The band has increased in numbers substantially. New instruments of the larger type variety have been procured as

well as several extra uniforms

There were about 40 public appearances during the year. The highlight of the year was the Annual School Music Festival held in Southbridge. There were 55 musical organizations that participated in this event.

The junior band is growing in size and is newly outfitted. It is being assisted greatly by a parents' organization.



**A FUTURE MUSICIAN
AND HIS TEACHER**



THE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Physical Education

The director of Physical Education is Dr. Lewis A. Kyrios. He has done outstanding work in this field and has contributed much to the health and vigor of the boys and girls of Southbridge. Especially commendable is the work being done in the supervised play activities of the primary and intermediate grades, the intramural sports in each elementary school, the gym classes and physical activities in the Trade School.



PHYSICAL FITNESS

This program is best explained in his own words as follows: "The aim of Physical Education is, primarily, to make a contribution to the individual optimal growth and development physiologically, and secondarily to contribute to such psychological development as is possible through participation in appropriate vigorous total body activities, according to social and hygiene standards.

In order to fulfill the above aim, our Physical Education Program has been divided into three distinct phases: gym classes, the controlled recess program, and the after-school athletic program.



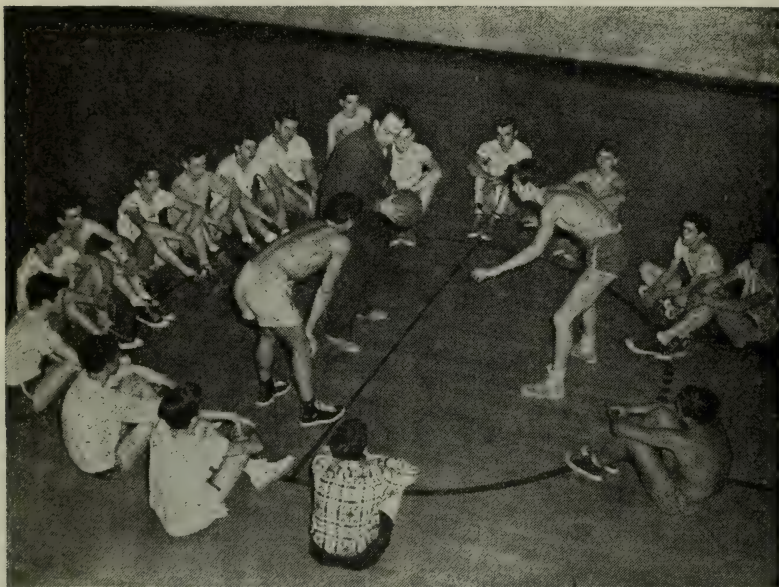
**NEW JACKETS AND CAPS
FOR TRAFFIC SQUAD,
DONATED BY ROTARY CLUB**



**ACTIVITY GAME IN
PRIMARY GRADES**

Regular gym classes are offered to all the students in grades six and seven in our elementary schools and to the entire student body of Cole Trade High School. Each student,

in this plan, averages one hour of regular physical education per week. Calisthenics, development of skills, games, and recreational activities are emphasized. This program is flexible, in order to provide a wide range of physical activities for the many needs and interests of the students in each level. The controlled recess program has been organized for all students in grades one to five inclusive. It has been designed exclusively to provide students opportunities to learn basic skills, to develop good health and safety habits, to encourage leadership and good sportsmanship. The activities offered are based on the abilities of each grade. Approximately thirty minutes a day is given to each grade for this program. A definite time schedule has been introduced to allow maximum use of areas, facilities, and equipment, and to insure safe participation for all students.



TRAINING IN FUNDAMENTALS — COLE TRADE HIGH

The Director of Physical Education plans and organizes the program and each classroom teacher administers the interest of the students in each level.

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time schedule has been introduced to allow maximum use of areas, facilities and equipment, and to insure safe participation for all students.



HEALTH AND HAPPINESS GO TOGETHER



SUPERVISED PLAY

This phase of the physical education program is planned and organized by the Director, and each classroom teacher administers the program.

In the after-school athletic program, boys play touch football, basketball, and baseball, while the girls participate in basketball and softball. All the students participating in these

activities are properly clothed and supervised by their coaches. Opportunity for participation is the theme of this phase of the Physical Education Program. Competition in the past few years has been keen and better balanced.

School Nurse

The day is never quite long enough for the many tasks required of our school nurse. Her work has merited much well-deserved praise from many people.

Some of the more essential work being done in this department can be better understood from the following statistics:

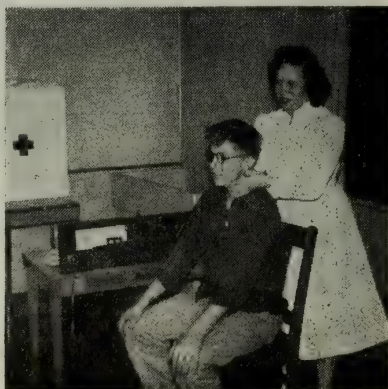
Physical examinations	914
Visits to schools	195
Vision tests	1427
Hearing tests	159
Home visits	131
Conferences on health problems	319
Dental care	163
Inoculations	221
Chest X-Ray films	698
Pre-School Clinic Registration	378
Donations for milk by Lions' Club	\$800.00
Census of physically handicapped completed.	
Summer camp provided for 5 children.	

Special class for mentally retarded given much attention.

One child was referred to State Crippled Children's Clinic; one to Lip Reading Classes; a home teacher provided for a child unable to go to school; Clear Type Books were obtained from Massachusetts Division of the Blind for two pupils.



**CLASS ATTENTION
REQUIRES GOOD HEARING**



EYE TESTS

A new Maico Audiometer was purchased by the School Department to conduct hearing tests.

Audio-Visual Aids

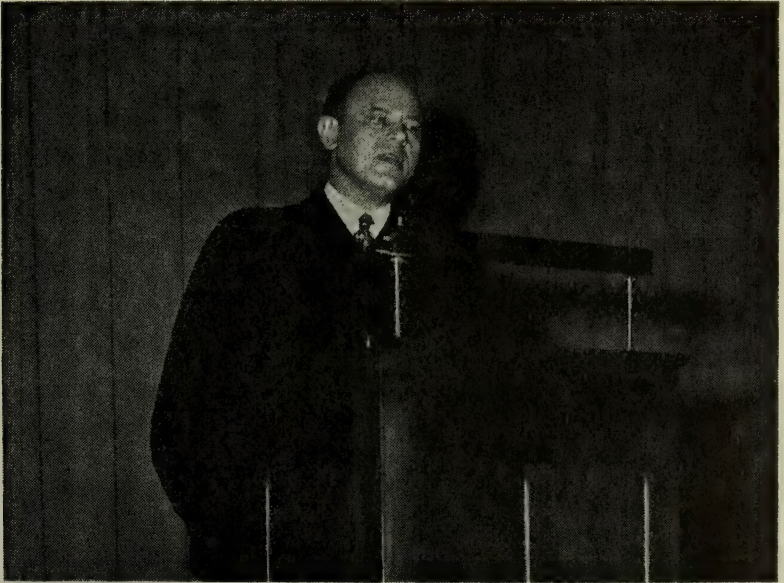
To improve instruction is always our goal if we are to achieve the purpose of education earlier described in this report. The proper use of audio-visual aids can improve instruction in no small measure.

Our visual aids director, Mr. Edward Desroches, has been most enthusiastic in promoting this cause and has worked many long hours in endeavoring to stimulate teachers' interest in the use of these instructional materials.

New equipment has been procured and an Audio-Visual Education course is now being held for teachers of Southbridge through the Massachusetts Department of Education.

Mary E. Wells High School

Principal James M. Robertson reports the enrollment for the year as follows: Seniors—113, Juniors—105, Sophomores—124, Freshmen—163, Eighth Graders—128, making a total of 633. Ninety-six pupils were graduated on June 11, 1953.



BACCALAUREATE

CLASS OF 1953

Academic

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Alfred Richard Allard | **Robert Arthur Lariviere |
| *George Anthony Barbieri | Donald Joseph Lavoie |
| *Chritten Paul Benoit | **Arthur Levesque |
| *Marie Adeline Benoit | **Lorraine Therese Levesque |
| Barry Lawrence Blake | Peter Alden Lewis |
| *Joan Elizabeth Bonnette | Shirley Anne MacKinnon |
| Wm. Guerrino Castrucci, Jr. | *Judith Ann McDonnell |
| *Paul Norman Costa | Raymond Burgess Maloney |
| **Barbara Cree | *Alice Claire Mongeon |
| *Jane Theresa Darley | **Janet Patricia Nichols |
| *Joan Antoinette Darley | Wilfred Oliver Paul |
| *John DelVecchio, Jr. | **Ann Elizabeth Persse |
| *Shirley Demirjian | *John Francis Quinn |
| **Anne Mary Deterando | *Kenneth Earle Ramsdell |
| *Gilda Mary DiGregorio | **Genevieve Ridout |
| Michael Brooks Ellis | **JoAnn Mary Rischitelli |
| Joseph Henry Farquhar | *Abbie Mary Roberts |
| *Maureen Anne Fitzpatrick | Donald George St. Martin |
| **Irene Joan Gianoutsos | John Joseph Saletnik |
| **Joseph Richard Giroux | *Humbert Eugene Sfreddo |
| Patricia Anne Giroux | *Nancy Anne Shaw |
| Annette Louise Godro | *David Alan Simonds |
| **Elizabeth Ann Guignard | Frances Doris Smith |
| *Stefanie Patricia Guzewicz | *Mary Elizabeth Sullivan |
| Thomas John Hmay | *John Edward Towse |
| Oliver Lewis Howlett | **Hazelann Undergraves |
| Theodore Kalis | William Welch |
| Louise Ann Kennedy | **Robert Alfred Yates |



A TYPING CLASS

Commercial

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| *Germaine Juliette Antaya | Andrea Kosta Perikli |
| *Janet Doris Antaya | **Maria Julia Peters |
| *Claire Rose Arpin | June Louise Phaneuf |
| *Claude Francis Bachand | Arnold Vito Renna |
| *Joyce Mabel Bachand | Louise Shirley Renna |
| Florence Mary Barlow | *Dorothy Sylvia Richard |
| Mario Anthony Bernardone | **Gloria Beatrice Robidoux |
| *Doris Marie Bragg | Elaine Virginia Ryan |
| **Joan Evelyn Chadwick | **Shirley Joy St. George |
| *Phyllis Valleda Coderre | *Eleanor Rose Shepard |
| Dolores May Courtemanche | *Roger Wayne Simpson |
| **Dorothy Alma Girard | *Henry Skarani |
| Donald Leo Kowalski | *Barbara Katherine Smith |
| *Pauline Lovina Lusignan | Sylvia Bette Suprenant |
| Shirley Ann McGrath | **Paulina Veshia |
| **Shirley Ann Metcalf | *Mary Frances Welch |
| Rita Bernadette Osimo | |

Civic-Social

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| John James Hamilton | *Harry Frank Nasse |
| James Edward Kennedy | Ronald Orlowski |
| *Barbara Joan Mitchell | |

Homemaking

- *Joyce Pauline Blodgett

Special Student

Charles John Tanionos — Commercial

*General Average of 80% or above for four years.

**Members of the National Honor Society.



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The following report on Follow-Up Study of graduates of the Mary E. Wells High School, Class of 1952, was conducted by Mr. William A. Julien, of the Guidance Department.

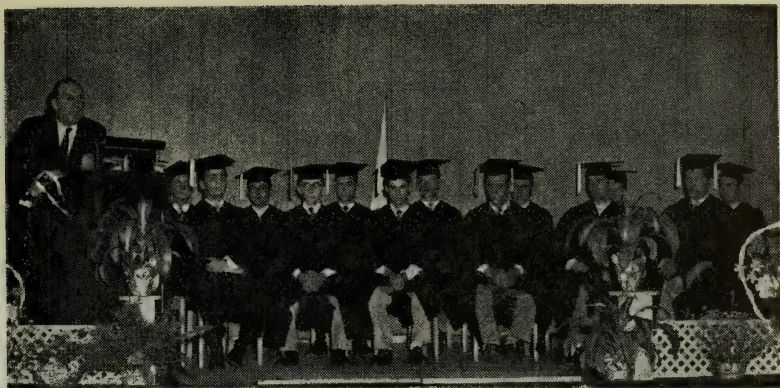
I think it should be especially interesting to townspeople to know just what happens to our graduates. It is a remarkable record.

Further Education	No.	Total
Colleges	22	
Nursing Schools	5	
Junior Colleges	5	
Art School	1	
Private Business Schools	1	
Music Schools	1	
	—	35
Employed		
Office workers	18	
Operatives	10	
Clerical sales	5	
Hotel services	2	
Farmers	1	
Foods Service	1	
	—	37
Miscellaneous		
Married	11	
Moved	1	
Unemployed	3	
	—	15
Armed Services		9
		—
		96

Cole Trade High School

The director of Cole Trade High School is Mr. Raymond L. W. Benoit. His report is as follows:

"The Governors of New England are becoming concerned with the Industrial picture in New England. The new Department of Commerce in Massachusetts lays some of the blame



GRADUATION EXERCISES

for this concern on education. They feel that more industries would be interested in settling in Massachusetts if the trained man-power picture was more pleasing."

"Milton P. Higgins, President of the Norton Company in Worcester, is among six Massachusetts business leaders who have endorsed a report, made public April 27, 1953, calling for the strengthening of Industrial Vocational Education in this State.

"We, at the Cole Trade High School, are doing what we can with what facilities we have and hope that in the near future the public will do everything possible to expand our facilities."

I once again recommend that the Guidance Department will expand their efforts in guiding young people who have interest, aptitude and intelligence into trade training.



FUTURE CRAFTSMEN

Cabinetmakers

Draftsmen

Electricians

Factory Maintenance

Machinists

Printing

Awards

Class Officers

28

Evening School

Cabinet — Mr. Frank P. Skinyon	16
Drafting — Mr. John Benson	20
Mr. George Braman	15
Furniture Refinishing — Mr. Harold Andrews	13
Mr. Antonio Orsini	14
Machine — Mr. William Paul	21
Mr. Edwin Waskiewicz	15
Soldering and Welding—Mr. Philip Colognesi	13
Apprentice Diversified — Mr. William Nickerson	9
Mr. William Julien	12
Apprentice Auto. Mech. — Mr. Anthony Capozzo	5
Total	153

*Veteran

†In Armed Service

**Graduated January 1



GLEE CLUB

School Lunch Program

In September, a new supervisor, Miss Ruth Cummings was appointed. There has been a marked improvement in the administration and supervision of the Cafeteria. Much credit goes to the supervisor for the fine work being done in this important area of the school system.



NEW KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

Miss Cummings best explains this program in her own words:

"The School Lunch Program is a part of an educational system. It not only teaches good nutrition, but it also affords an opportunity to teach students manners and courtesy. It is an excellent place for them to learn the necessities of every day living. It also gives students who work in the Cafeteria training to learn to use their minds and hands together. The cashiers especially get good experience for future work.

"The first requisite of a School Lunch is to serve good portions of a well-balanced meal at a nominal cost. This has been done at the Mary E. Wells High School Cafeteria this year. The average daily serving is 350. The highlight was the Christmas luncheon when 550 were served.



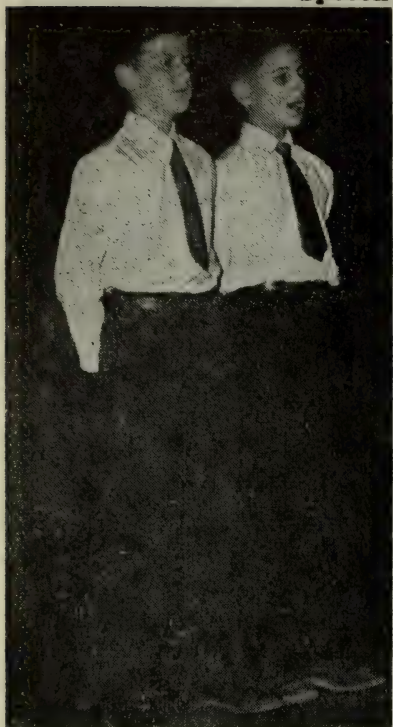
LUNCH TIME

"We are very happy to have a dish machine room which relieves the congestion in the kitchen. It also enables us to meet State Laws in proper dish washing and to do them quicker, as well as to cut down student labor.

"The number of Marcy Street School children buying the School Lunch has increased, which is excellent. They are at an age when they should learn to eat all foods. They also are away from home for a long period and need a hot lunch at noon time. I would like to see this number continue to grow.

"The new trays, being so much more attractive, will have a tendency to increase purchases. The percentage of students buying the School Lunch is good compared to other schools, but I hope it will increase. While 100 percent is impossible, due to the inability to please all, we would like to get as near there as possible. It has been proven that children have better health and do better work if they eat a good luncheon. We are feeding the future generation of Southbridge."

Speech Activities

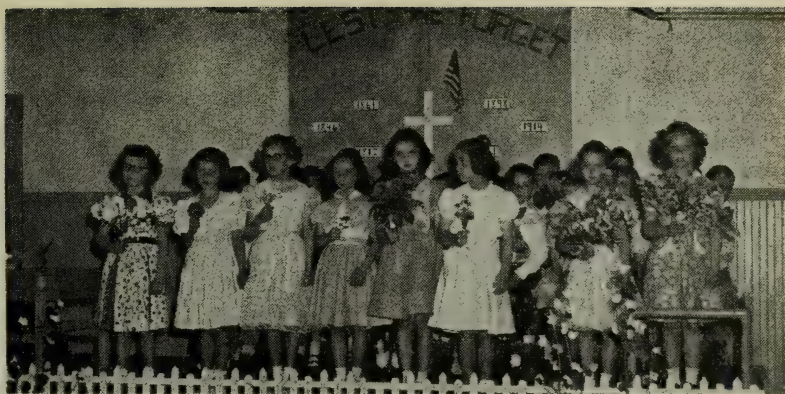


Great progress has been made in speech work. Demonstrations were held in each school showing the achievement and activities in dramatics, one-act plays, declamations and choral reading. The public and parents especially were urged to attend these assemblies.

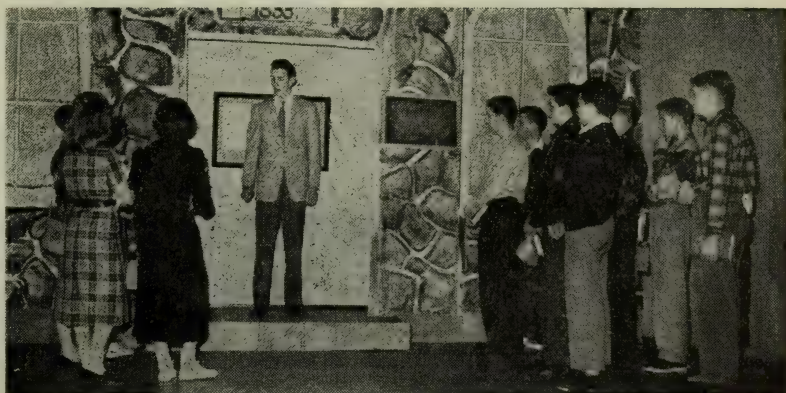
PUBLIC SPEAKING



MARCY ST. CHORAL READING GROUP



MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES



JUNIOR PLAY



A CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY PROGRAM



A ONE-ACT PLAY

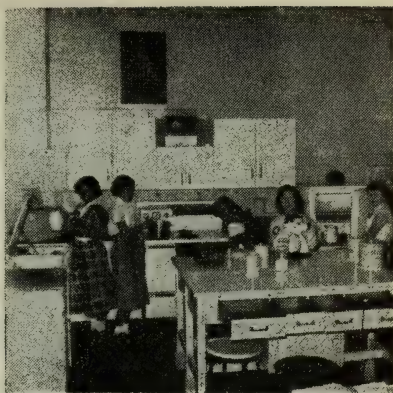


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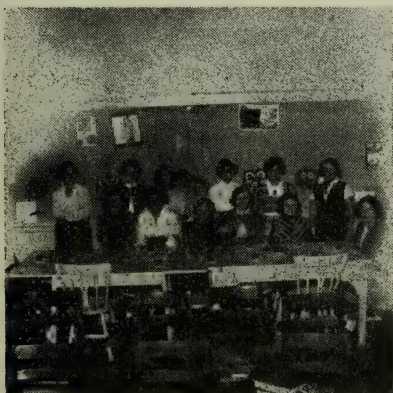
Homemaking



**A KITCHEN UNIT WITH
GAS EQUIPMENT**



**A KITCHEN UNIT WITH
ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT**



**ENJOYING THEIR OWN
COOKING**



PRESERVATION OF FOODS

Girls enjoy the modern facilities which they have to work with in the Homemaking Department. Every girl now has the opportunity of taking this course for five periods a week for a full year during their high school career. Miss Luise Corbin and Mrs. Barbara Kyrios continue daily to show their genius and initiative in creating and stimulating a keen and sustaining interest among girls of high school age to prepare them to maintain a modern home.

ADULT EDUCATION

Citizenship Courses

Adult classes are held three evenings a week for those who are interested in becoming United States citizens. These classes are held in Mary E. Wells High School. Miss Constance L'Ecuyer is in charge. There are three teachers for three groups, representing beginners, intermediates, and advanced. Forty-one individuals enrolled for these courses and took advantage of the opportunities the Town provides for non-citizens.

Evening Vocational Courses

The Director of University Extension Courses and Vocational courses held in the evening is Mr. James M. Robertson.

Two classes were held in Elementary Sewing, one in Advanced Dressmaking, and two in Tailoring.

In the field of University Extension, two classes were offered in Elementary Typewriting, one in Elementary Stenography, and one in Comptometer Operation.

Playgrounds



Playgrounds are under the direction of Dr. Lewis A. Kyrios. The season began July 6 and ended August 14, 1953. The activities were conducted at Charlton Street, Eastford Road, West Street, and Pleasant Street. The Town Hall was used for the Arts and Crafts Exhibit.

PLAYGROUNDS — ARTS AND CRAFTS DEMONSTRATION

Personnel

General Director — Lewis A. Kyrios	
Supervisor of Arts and Crafts — Mrs. Kathryn Beauregard	
Charlton Street Playground	
Supervisor	Mrs. Helen Golden
Assistants	Constance Peloquin, Shirley Demirjian, Joseph Marino
Eastford Road Playground	
Supervisor	Mrs. Claire Kirk
Assistants	Charlotte Beck, Paul Kollios
Pleasant Street Playground	
Supervisor	Daniel Hobart
Assistants	Madeline Proulx, LoraAnn Boyer
West Street Playground	
Supervisor	Elizabeth Duhamel
Assistants	Joan Darley, JoAnn Rischitelli, Gregory Costa

Enrollment and Attendance

Total Enrollment	1260
Average Daily Attendance	570
Average Percentage of Attendance	43%
Largest Daily Attendance	735

Arts and Crafts

A demonstration in Arts and Crafts was held in the Town Hall on August 13, 1953 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 8 P. M.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

The name, date of appointment, and degrees appear in that order.

Robert H. McCarn — 1950	M.Ed., D.Ed.
William A. Julien — 1945	A.B.; M.Ed.
Lewis A. Kyrios — 1938	C.A.G.S.; M.A.; D.Ed.
Ellwood Jenness — 1948	B.S.
Paul J. Sweet — 1950	
Claire Birtz — 1937	
Margaret R. Connolly — 1922	
Gloria C. Ciukaj — 1951	

Mary E. Wells High School

James M. Robertson — 1937	B.S.; M.Ed.
Lindzay Varnam — 1943	B.S.; M.Ed.
Nora B. Adams — 1947	
Pauline M. Aucoin — 1921	B.S.Ed.
Kathryn Beauregard — 1922	A.B.; M.A.
Helen Boucher — 1953	B.S.
Rose Brodeur — 1939	B.S.; M.A.
Eva Casavant — 1933	B.S.; M.A.
Laura Chapman — 1953	A.B.
Constance Coderre — 1929	B.S.
Luise B. Corbin — 1923	
Edward Desroches — 1949	A.B.
Paul A. Duhart — 1949	B.S.Ed.
Thecla Fitzgerald — 1926	A.B.; M.Ed.
C. Estelle Hefner — 1933	Ph.B.
Daniel J. Hobart — 1950	A.B.
Persis F. Howe — 1930	B.S.Ed.
Barbara H. Kyrios — 1940	B.S.Ed.
Eino Laakso — 1945	A.B.; M.A.
Claude Lacouture — 1948	B.S.
Arthur D. Lane — 1948	M.Ed.; M.A.
Harry J. McMahon — 1926	Ph.B.; M.Ed.
Elinor Small — 1945	A.B.; M.Ed.
Flora Tait — 1939	B.S.Ed.; M.A.
Frances Troy — 1927	B.S.Ed.
Elsie Wanerka — 1945	B.S.Ed.
John E. Welch — 1948	B.S.; M.Ed.

Cole Trade High School

Raymond L. W. Benoit — 1949	B.S.; M.Ed.
Maureen A. Baybutt — 1946	
Elsie A. Hofstra — 1933	
Harold A. Andrews — 1941	
John L. Benson — 1942	B.S.Ed.
George H. Graman — 1938	
Francis E. Couture — 1945	Leave of Absence
Walter J. Glondek — 1938	
Ernest Hall — 1926	
Emery A. Lavallee — 1926	
William C. Nickerson — 1941	
William B. Paul — 1942	
Rosaire Pariseau — 1953	Substitute
Eugene J. Remian — 1949	B.S.Ed.
Frank P. Skinyon — 1934	B.S.Ed.
Lawrence F. Swenson — 1932	
Edwin J. Waskiewicz — 1952	

Charlton Street School

R. Joseph Racine — 1944	A.B.; M.Ed.
Leah Sax Cohen — 1951	A.B.
Lorene Fierro — 1953	B.S.
Elizabeth Duhamel — 1953	B.S.
Helen Golden — 1948	
Everett H. Holmes — 1945	A.B.; M.Ed.
Claire A. Kirk — 1949	
Ruth Mahan — 1948	B.S.
Priscilla Quirk — 1953	
Owen F. Ryder, Jr. — 1953	B.S.
Marie J. Saunders — 1924	

Eastford Road School

Raoul O. Lataille — 1939	A.B.; M.Ed.
Mary A. Breen — 1951	B.S.
Elizabeth Curtis — 1944	A.B.; B.S.Ed.
T. Thomas Finnerty — 1948	A.B.; M.A.
Bertha E. Foley — 1912	
Irene V. Gough — 1914	
Cathryn Maxwell — 1945	
Julia C. Morrill — 1914	
Malcolm Nash — 1948	B.S.Ed.
Vincent J. Puracchio — 1950	A.B.; M.A.
Florida Tarquinio — 1942	B.S.Ed.

Marcy Street School

Constance M. L'Ecuyer — 1940	B.S.Ed.; M.A.
*Joseph Angelini — 1952	A.B.
Mary Brady — 1953	B.S.
Kathleen Burns — 1952	
Patricia P. Callahan — 1939	B.S.Ed.; M.Ed.
Alice Wixted Dion — 1926	
Josette Dupuis — 1948	
Francis Flanagan — 1953	B.S.
Ruth Huson — 1945	
Myrtle B. Jodrey — 1944	
Louise E. Steenburn — 1949	
*Military Leave of Absence	

Mechanic Street School

Anita Sfreddo — 1953	Mus.B.
Clara M. Reed — 1918	
Marie E. Skaza — 1949	
Gladys Scott — 1948	B.S.Ed.

West Street School

Laurenda Boyer — 1926	
Yolande Augusto — 1951	B.S.Ed.
Marjorie F. Campbell — 1933	B.S.Ed.
Robert F. Hart — 1952	A.B.; M.A.
Jane Rankine — 1953	B.S.
Emily F. Roberts — 1944	B.S.Ed.; M.Ed.
Eva P. Salviuolo — 1943	B.S.Ed.
Dorothy M. Sheriff — 1945	
Celestine C. Sweet — 1932	
Evangeline R. Towse — 1948	B.S.Ed.; M.Ed.
William E. Rinehart — 1952	

CHANGE OF TEACHERS

Left

June—Margaret Tuttle—Resigned	Cafeteria Supervisor
June—Eleanor Van Etten—Resigned	Music Supervisor
June—Bertha Wallace—Retired	West Street
June—Ruth Hefner—Resigned	Marcy Street
July—Dorothy Bartoli—Resigned	Mary E. Wells High
August—Francis Beaudette—Resigned	Charlton Street
August—Francis Couture—Leave of Absence ..	Cole Trade High
August—Dorothy Locke—Resigned	Charlton Street
October—Joseph Angelini—	
Military Leave of Absence	Marcy Street
December—Jane Rankine—Resigned	West Street

Appointments

September—Helen Boucher	Mary E. Wells High
September—Laura Chapman	Mary E. Wells High
September—Elizabeth Duhamel	Charlton Street
September—Lorene Fierro	Charlton Street
September—Owen F. Ryder, Jr.	Charlton Street
September—Priscilla Quirk	Charlton Street
September—Mary Brady	Marcy Street
September—Anita Sfreddo	Mechanic Street
September—Rosaire Pariseau	Cole Trade High
September—Ruth Cummings	Cafeteria Supervisor
October—Francis Flanagan	Marcy Street
September—Ellwood Jenness	Music Supervisor
November—Edwin Waskiewicz	Cole Trade High

CHANGE OF JANITORS

Left

June—Joseph Lataille	Mary E. Wells High
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Appointments

1953—George St. Martin	Mary E. Wells High
1953—Joseph Lataille	Mary E. Wells High

Janitors

Frederick P. Alger — 1947	Mary E. Wells High
John B. Craite — 1946	Cole Trade High
Armand Gaumond — 1942	Mechanic Street
Wilfred P. Gauthier — 1952	West Street
Adelard Lavallee — 1952	Wells High
Theophile Leduc — 1943	Charlton Street
Rodolphe L'Homme — 1935	Marcy Street
Joseph Moore — 1941	Eastford Road
Eugene Tetreault — 1949	Pleasant Street
George St. Martin — 1953	Mary E. Wells High

CONCLUSION

How well we are achieving the purpose of education can be judged from the report as given and illustrated with pictures of various educational activities.



CHRISTMAS TIME IN THE CLASSROOMS

We still have a school building problem in Southbridge. It becomes more and more apparent that we need a new modern senior high school with adequate facilities such as a gymnasium, to provide physical education for boys and girls; an auditorium, for assemblies, dramatics, public speaking; a cafeteria; facilities for vocal and instrumental music; a library; laboratories; lockers, etc. Our present high school building could be very easily

converted into a junior high school for grades 7, 8, and 9. I believe this building would also be large enough to house the Marcy Street pupils, thereby making the Marcy Street School available for gymnasium purposes. The crowded conditions in the elementary schools would be solved in this manner. The Cole Trade High facilities are also inadequate to conduct an effective and modern educational program.

I wish to thank everyone with whom I have worked for the betterment and advancement of the Schools of Southbridge.

Respectfully submitted,
DR. ROBERT H. McCARN,
Superintendent of Schools.

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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT



TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

YEAR ENDING

December 31, 1954

SOUTHBRIDGE TYPESETTING COMPANY
SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS
1955

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1954

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

J. Gerard Nolet, Chairman	1954
Wesley K. Cole, Clerk	1954
Emile J. Martin	1954

Treasurer

Norbert C. Benoit	1954
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Town Clerk

Clare Boyer

Public Welfare

Marie Lariviere, Chairman	1955
Hermas Lippe, Clerk	1957
Ovide Desrosiers	1956
Lillian Proulx	

Old Age Assistance

Ovide Desrosiers, Chairman

Marie Lariviere

Hermas Lippe

Assessors

Charles Normandin, Chairman	1956
Rosario Arpin, Clerk	1955
Raymond Benoit	1957

Board of Health

Dr. Raymond Haling, Chairman	1956
Dr. Armand Degrenier, Clerk	1957
Henry Demers	1955
Ernest Tetreault, Agent	Marguerite Houle, Nurse

School Committee

Belmore St. Amant	1955
Linia Beck	1956
Lorenzo Beaupre	1957
Mrs. John Steen	1955
Eugene Leblanc	1956
Paul A. Roy	1957

World War Memorial Trustees

J. Gerard Nolet	1954
William Berry	1957
Albert J. Tremblay	1956
Ovila Donais	1955

Stavre Yanka	1957
Hormidas Beaudry	1956

Cemetery Committee

Jesse Blackburn	1955
George Dumas	1956
Lectance Landry	1957

Constables

Bernard Richard	1957
Raoul Meunier	1955
Blaise Trudeau	1956

Tax Collector

Elizabeth Duhamel	1957
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Planning Board

James Fallon	1959
Edmund Ryan	1955
Edward Walsh	1957
William B. O'Shaughnessy	1958

Sewer Commissioners

J. George Page	1955
Raymond Bachand	1957
Alfred Gaudreau	1956

Park Commissioners

Hormidas Beaudry	1955
James F. Laporioire	1957
Dona A. Beaulieu	1956

Moderator

William J. Clifford	1954
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Commissioners of Trust Fund

Vincent T. Walsh	1955
James Fallon	1956
Charles Hart	1957

Tree Warden

Chester J. Maska	1954
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Southbridge Housing Authority

Leon Livernois	1959
Royce Fitzpatrick	1955
Francois Sansoucy	1958
Louis J. Ciprari, appointed by the State	

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

Assistant Clerk to Selectmen

Julian C. Gabree	1954
Lionel A. Lafleche appointed Dec. 1st, 1954	Temporary

Town Accountant

Leon Caron	1956
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Town Counsel

Robert Niedermeyer	1954
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Town Engineer

Henry Racicot	1954
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Veterans' Benefit Agent

Roland G. Hetu, appointed Nov. 26	1954
	Temporary

Veterans' Service Department

Roland G. Hetu, appointed Nov. 26	1954
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Care of Town Clock

Earl O'Clair	1954
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Recreation Committee

Frank Skinyon	1955	Norman Staves	1955
Willard Stark	1955	Lorenzo Beaupre	1956
John E. Merrill	1956	Lewis Kyrios	1955
Louis Brunelle	1956	Henry Racicot	1954
Francis Ashe	1956	Alfred Ferron	1955
Joseph Duffy	1956		

Superintendent of Schools

Robert L. Fox	Appointed by School Committee Oct. 1st, 1954
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Keeper of Lock-Up

Ovide Desrosiers	1954	Louis Bucci, Ass't	1954
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Custodian of Town Hall

Oliver Proulx	1954
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Animal Inspector

Alcide Fournier	1954
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Plumbing Inspector

Arthur Ballard	Appointed by Board of Health
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Building Inspector

A. Raymond Dartt	1954
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Wire Inspector

Clarence Bachand	1954
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By-Law Committee

D. W. Morrill	Mitchell Kurposka	Alfred Ferron
John O. Martin	J. Belden Sly	Oswald Laliberte

Registrars of Voters

Harmel Houde	1955	Timothy Moriarty	1956
Richard Pinsonneault	1957	Clare Boyer, Ex-Officio	

Fire Department

Oswald Meunier, Chief	Daniel Daniels, Dep. Chief
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Moth Superintendent

Chester J. Maska	1954
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Superintendent of Fire Alarms

Norman Laroche, appointed by Fire Dept.	1954
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Fire Wardens, Appointed by Fire Chief

Oswald Meunier	1954	Albert Servant	1954
Joseph Mandeville	1954	Rosario Bellerose	1954
Emile Caouette	1954	Archie Langevin	1954
Romeo Lippe	1954	Charles Normandin	1954
Harry Michaels	1954		

Fence Viewers

Euclid Gatineau	1954	Herman Giroux	1954
Alphonse Renna	1954	August Kowalski	1954

Finance Committee

Bernard Sherry	1956	W. J. Lusignan	1955
Valmore Gauthier	1956	Stephen Simonelli	1954
Joseph Piasta	1956	Joseph Swiacki	1954
Armand Lacasse	1956	Vangel Costa	1955
Norman Brodeur	1956	Rockford Lavoie	1955
John Rischitelli	1954	Edgar Tremblay	1955
Norman Leathers	1955	Theophile Morin	1955

Honor Roll Committee

Raymond Benoit	1955	Doris Loiselle	1955
Ronaldo Guertin	1955	Armand DeAngelis	1955
Louis Gubb	1955	Hector Brodeur	1955
Bernard Beauregard	1955		

Measurer of Wood and Bark

Thomas L. Hughes	1955	John J. Hogan, Jr.	1955
Clifford McKinstry	1955	Royce Fitzpatrick	1955

Field Drivers

Charles Chamberland	1954	Jacob Gouin	1954
Paul Quinn	1954		

Soldiers Burial Officers

William J. Congdon 1954 Arthur Eno 1954

Public Weighers

Jacob Edwards 1954 Raymond Fitzpatrick 1954
Ralph McKinstry 1954 Dorsi Ryan 1954
Loretta Fitzpatrick 1954 Argentina Damian 1954
William Cox 1954 Rita Damian 1954
Beatrice Peloquin 1954 Arthur Gendron 1954
Harry Michaels 1954 Constance Matys 1954

Zoning Board of Appeals

Peter Graf 1954 Edgar McCann 1956
Edward Seremet 1955

Dog Officer

Ernest Cadarette 1954

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Gerard R. Lariviere 1954

Care of Veterans Graves

William J. Congdon 1954

Retirement Board

Leon Caron 1954 Theodore Kwarciak 1954
Paul H. Benoit 1954

Airport Committee

Edgar Lewis 1959 Emile Arsenault 1957
William LeGate 1956 Albert DiGregorio 1958
Louis Stevens 1960

Library Trustees for the Town

Edward P. Sheehan 1957 Oswald Laliberte 1956
Dr. Nerio Pioppi 1955

Pound Keeper

Frederick H. Dowling 1954

Superintendent of Streets

Joseph Benoit 1954

Committee for Revaluation of Property

Arthur Smith 637 Elm Street
William Horsley 157 Chapin Street
Bernard Sherry 2 Chapin Court
Ernest Fontaine 41 Warren Street
Robert Coderre 452 Hamilton Street

Board of Rent Control

Arthur Woolhouse, Public Interest 52 Newell Avenue
Hormidas Beaudry, Public Interest 1 Cedar Street

Jesse Jones, Public Interest	112 Chapin Street
Louis Gagnon, Tenants	53 Newell Avenue
Armand St. Germain, Landlords	368 Worcester Street

Wage Survey Committee

Appointed by Town Moderator at Town Meeting, March 9, 1953

Edgar Tremblay	73 Moon Street
Paul Quinn	8 Woodland Street
Marie Lariviere	76 Everett Street
Joseph V. Langevin	104 Mechanic Street
Ernest Farland	15 Chestnut Street

Southbridge Radio Officer — Civil Defense

Charles McLam	89 Dennison Lane
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JURY LIST

MALE

Name — Address	Occupation
Anderson, Albert J., 41 Chestnut Street ..	Tool and Die Maker
Ashton, Francis W., 172 Dresser Street	Optical Truer
Bachand, Edward E., 16 Williams Street	Carpenter
Ballard, Francis A., 391 Hamilton Street	Parts Manager
Beaupre, Arthur E., 245 Mechanic Street	Machine Worker
Bernarczk, John J., 201 Everett Street	Tool Maker
Belrose, Harold N., 161 Sayles Street	Grinder
Bibeau, Rodolphe A., 53 Worcester Street	Machinist
Blair, Alfred F., 331 Dennison Street	Trucking
Blais, Napoleon J., 402 Worcester Street	Glass Worker
Blanchette, Leon, 27 Union Street	Carpenter
Bolduc, Albert A., 255 Mechanic Street	Lens Worker
Brown, Robert E., 129 Charlton Street	Packer
Beaudry, Joseph Andre, 468 Hamilton Street	Painter
Clifford, Richard F., 327 Hamilton Street	Textile Worker
Cardrant, Leo E., 579 Main Street	Truck Driver
Caron, Anatole, Jr., 33 River Street	Salesman
Caron, Philias, 16 Water Street	Custodian
Cartier, Joseph, Jr., 117 Worcester Street	Auto Dealer
Cloutier, Armand J., 400 Main Street	Truer
Coderre, Henry F., 560 South Street	Merchant
Costa, George, 76 Elm Street	Watchman
Costa, James V., 18 Franklin Terrace	Riveter
Cronin, Thomas F., 340 Hamilton Street	Yarn Inspector
Daigle, Alexander A., 67 Highland Street	Foreman
Darzenkiewicz, Walter J., 16 Wardwell Court	Machinist
DeAngelis, Phillip N., 80 Sayles Street	Student
Demers, Charles E., 62 Highland Street	Textile Worker
Donais, Alfred G., 133 Everett Street	Mechanic
Dow, Roland W., 42 Pleasant Street	Optical Worker
Dufault, Joseph, 155 Mechanic Street	Laborer
Dumas, Francis D., 14 Ames Street	Leather Cutter
Durocher, Joseph R., 107 Pine Street	Forger
Duquette, Albert F., 14 Worcester Street	Dyer
Ethier, Louis G., 224 Mechanic Street	Taxi Driver
Farland, Ernest A., 15 Chestnut Street	Lens Moulder
Flood, Henry F., 327 Main Street	Optical Worker
Fontaine, Lucian, 86 Chestnut Street	Machinist
Fontaine, Hermenegilde, 86 Chestnut Street	Optical Worker

Fortin, Clarence J., 20 Fairmont Street	Textile Worker
Fournier, Joseph R., 53 West Street	Wet Grinder
Gaumont, Harvey W., 161 Mechanic Street	Taxi Driver
Gauthier, Phillip, 412 Charlton Street	Clerk
Gauthier, Alexis J., 616 Charlton Street	Unit Leader
Gauthier, Pierre W., 630 Main Street	Steam Fitter
Gasperski, Carrol, 38 Lovely Street	Unemployed
Genereux, Homer A., 103 Charlton Street	Steam Fitter
Gendreau, Joseph U., 119 Pleasant Street	Knife Maker
Gaumont, Armand, 711 Main Street	Trucking
Gendron, Raymond H., 149 Mechanic Street	Hot Frame Op.
Giroux, Herman, 26 Marsh Street	Cafe Owner
Graf, Peter, 205 Main Street	Foreman
Gravel, Lionel J., 432 Charlton Street	Press Operator
Guignard, Joseph A., 78 Sayles Street	Machine Grinder
Hatton, Thomas, 296 Main Street	Machine Grinder
Herbert, Armand F., 55 Coombs Street	Milling Machine
Houde, Harmel E., 43 Randolph Street	Foreman
Jolin, Jean B., 272 Mechanic Street	Lens Grinder
Julien, William, 105 Charlton Street	Lens Grinder
Kathan, Alden Leroy, 30 Pleasant Street	Optical Worker
Kingsley, Walter E., 19 Franklin Terrace	Press Operator
Lacasse, Hormidas, 2 Lens Court	Optical Worker
Lafleche, Albert, 59 Main Street	Optical Worker
Laliberte, Oliver J., 71 River Street	Press Operator
Landry, Lactance, 62 Lovely Street	Painter
Lamothe, Charles D., 23 Chestnut Street	Drawing
Lamontagne, Henry, 37 River Street	Press Operator
Lapointe, Lionel J., 398 Worcester Street	Shipping Clerk
Laporte, Alexis, 119 West Street	Textile Worker
Lariviere, Ubald A., 102 Lebanon Street	Cutlery Finisher
Lavallee, Adelard, 75 Crystal Street	General Maintenance
Lavallee, Napoleon J., 88 School Street	Retired
Leblanc, Wilfred P., 219 Charlton Street	Machinist
Leblanc, Leon L., 372 Hamilton Street	Yarn Inspector
Leblanc, Oswald H., 54 Westwood Parkway	Lens Setter
Leboeuf, Roland A., 27 Chestnut Street	Stock Clerk
Lemoine, Ferdinand, 22 Edwards Street	Supervisor
Libera, Joseph, 29 Ballard Court	Textile Worker
Libuda, Joseph, 24 Caron Street	Foreman
Loranger, Edward W., 127 Pleasant Street	Machinist
Mathieu, Isaie, 288 Mechanic Street	Janitor
Matte, Archille J., 262 Mechanic Street	Ruling
Metras, Louis R. 43 Fairlawn Avenue	Unemployed

Monaco, Thomas J., 115 North Street Lens Moulder
 Monnette, Moise G., 122 Hamilton Street Part-time Clerk
 Mundell, Homer W., 59 Highland Street Steam Fitter
 Martel, Arthur P., 538 Main Street Ins. Salesman
 McCann, George, 43 Worcester Street Janitor

Nichols, Thomas J., 29 Fiske Street Unemployed

Paquette, Walter O., 257 Alpine Road Stock Clerk
 Parent, Aime E., 9 Hillcrest Avenue Electrician
 Patenaude, George J., 12 Pine Street Mill Hand
 Paquin, William, 32 Worcester Street Inspector
 Peloquin, Armand, 86 Worcester Street Optical Worker
 Pezzetti, John W., 410 Elm Street Ins. Salesman
 Pinsonneault, Richard G., 205 Marcy Street Press Operator
 Paulhus, Andrew, 56 Taft Street Hand Edger
 Paul, Wilbrod J., 395 Elm Street Optical Worker
 Pinsonneault, Laurier, 109 Pine Street Bench Worker
 Plasse, Herman, 79 Fairlawn Avenue Optical Worker
 Plouffe, George E., 135 Marcy Street Retired
 Proulx, Charles F., 81 Walcott Street Carpenter
 Petit, Alberic, 105 Old Sturbridge Rd. Steamfitter

Raulier, Emile C., 31 Franklin Terrace Tool Maker

St. Martin, Rudolphe, 466 Worcester Street Machinist
 St. George, Reginald, 38 Foster Street Optical Worker
 Santo, Dominic, 462 Elm Street Foreman
 Savaria, Valmore P., 115 Woodstock Road Millwright
 Stevens, Nicholas, 33 Oakes Avenue Grocer
 Stypulkowski, Anthony, 110 Old Sturbridge Rd. Sales Mgr.
 Serletto, John F., 18 Park Street Salesman

Trembley, Albert J., 240 Marcy Street Optical Worker
 Talbot, Ernest J., 34 Hamilton Street Frame Worker
 Tasciotti, Ralph, 60 Sayles Street Knife Worker
 Tavernier, Omer J., 10 Lens Street Press Operator
 Therrien, Armand, 87 Crystal Street Store Clerk
 Trahan, Ovila, 18 Clark Street Cabinet Maker
 Tremblay, Leodore, 276 Charlton Street Supervisor
 Thompson, Roger B., 227 High Street Machinist

Varin, Raymond J., 110 Mechanic Street Bookkeeper
 Vecchia, Albert F., 60 Sayles Street Woodworker
 Volpini, Renato, 192 Eastford Road Optical Worker

FEMALE

Name — Address	Occupation
Bachand, Mabel F., 43 Randolph Street	Housewife

Ballard, Estelle G., 391 Hamilton Street	Clerical Worker
Benoit, Doris Ann, 44 High Street	Housewife
Benoit, Rose Anna, 256 Dennison Drive	Housewife
Boutillier, Mae, 112 Hamilton Street	Housewife
Carpenter, Jeanette, 246 Mechanic Street	Inspector
Decker, Florence, 206 Chapin Street	Housewife
Dubreuil, Julia, 11 Sayles Street	Housewife
Gagnon, Anna N., 53 Newell Avenue	Housewife
Gaumont, Stephanie, 711 Main Street	Housewife
Jalbert, Mabel E., 171 Sayles Street	Housewife
Lariviere, Marie E., 97 Everett Street	Housewife
Lariviere, Beatrice N., 102 Lebanon Street	Housewife
Lafleche, Lea, 47 Green Avenue	Optical Worker
Lavallee, Lillian L., 126 Litchfield Avenue	Housewife
Lippe, Isidora A., 214 Marcy Street	Housewife
Mathieu, Mrs. Orianda, 228 Mechanic Street	Saleslady
Proulx, Lillianne G., 70 Everett Street	Social Worker
Russell, Mary Rose, 86 Hamilton Street	Housewife
Shepard, Rose P., 77 Hamilton Street	Housewife
Sullivan, Evelyn E., 40 South Street	Clerk
Salak, Alice Gertrude, 801 Worcester Street	Housewife
Trudeau, Atwilda, 35 Canal Street	Housewife
Varin, Laura, 110 Mechanic Street	Clerk
Walsh, Mary G., 59½ Fiske Street	Housewife

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of Town of Southbridge:

Board organized March 2, 1954.

J. Gerard Nolet was appointed Chairman of the Board, Wesley K. Cole was appointed clerk of the board, and Emile J. Martin serving as third member of the Board.

The year 1954 was the second year that the Highway Department has been under the direct supervision of the Board of Selectmen. Again this year much has been done by the Highway Department to improve many of our streets and the service given to the citizens.

Major repairs have been made to the Town Hall Building during the year which include addition to the Welfare Board office, repair of chimneys, windows, and lighting fixtures replaced in the office of the town clerk. The Board recommends that proposed illumination be given in all other offices in 1955.

The hurricanes Carol and Edna caused considerable damage throughout the town. The Highway and Engineering Departments responded very well in this crisis and traffic was restored in a remarkably short time. A temporary bridge (Bailey's Span) was loaned to the town by the Mass. Department of Public Works and temporary repairs were made to the Vinton Street bridge which made it possible to use both Brookside Road and Vinton Street. The Board of Selectmen with the aid of Representative Leo J. Cournoyer have obtained reimbursement of \$1,762.05. Application has been made for reimbursement of hurricane damages incurred during hurricane Edna.

Again through the co-operation of Representative Leo J. Cournoyer the Board of Selectmen and the Engineering Department approval has been obtained for improvements of various channels in the town by the Commonwealth of Mass. under provisions of Chapter 91 of the general law. A more detailed account of hurricane damages and proposed improvements to the various channels will be found in the report of the Town Engineer.

Liquor Licenses:

6 Club All-Alcoholic	\$300.00	\$ 1,800.00
3 Club Wine & Malt	100.00	300.00
2 Innholder All-Alcoholic	600.00	1,200.00
12 Restaurant All-Alcoholic	500.00	6,000.00
12 Restaurant Wine & Malt	200.00	2,400.00
4 Package Goods All-Alcoholic	300.00	1,200.00

6 Package Goods Wine & Malt	100.00	600.00
5 Drug All-Alcoholic	50.00	250.00
2 Special Wine & Malt	25.50	51.00
5 Seasonal All-Alcoholic	150.00	750.00
24 One Day Wine & Malt	1.00	24.00
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		\$14,575.00

Miscellaneous Licenses

2 Innholder	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.00
66 Taxi Driver	1.00	66.00
19 Taxi Owner	1.00	19.00
48 Pinball Machine	20.00	960.00
45 Sunday Store	3.00	135.00
6 Lodging Houses	1.00	6.00
82 Signs	1.00	82.00
10 Firearms	1.00	30.00
49 Common Victuallers	3.00	147.00
3 Storage Tanks50	1.50
20 Auto Dealers50	60.00
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		\$ 1,512.50
Town Hall Rental		\$ 150.00
Court House		1,200.00
Lock-Up Rental		600.00
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Total Amount		\$18,037.50

The expenses of operating our department are given in the report prepared by the Town Accountant, and for that reason are not enumerated here.

We wish to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the other Town Department Committees, and all others, who have cooperated with us during the past year to promote good government.

Respectfully yours,

J. GERARD NOLET,
WESLEY K. COLE,
EMILE J. MARTIN,
Selectmen.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

FOR 1954

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

	Males	Females	Total
January	18	18	36
February	17	20	37
March	24	25	49
April	22	29	51
May	19	28	47
June	16	21	37
July	22	27	49
August	21	27	48
September	20	27	47
October	25	18	43
November	22	26	48
December	28	22	50
	<hr/> 254	<hr/> 288	<hr/> 542

Of this total (542), there were 207 non-resident births and 26 births occurring out of town.

Deaths

	Males	Females	Total
January	11	11	22
February	11	4	15
March	12	10	22
April	6	9	15
May	17	2	19
June	8	5	13
July	11	8	19
August	13	10	23
September	6	13	19
October	13	8	21
November	8	7	15
December	13	7	20
	<hr/> 129	<hr/> 94	<hr/> 223

Of this total (223), there were 46 non resident deaths and 40 resident deaths occurring elsewhere.

(There were 36 sudden deaths.)

Marriages

Total marriages—160. Non residents married in Southbridge (6). Residents of Southbridge married out of state (17). Residents married in Town (100). Residents of town married out of town (35).

There were 146 Marriage intentions filed. Six were marked Void.

MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES RECORDED

Gasoline	37	
Garage	49	
Auctioneers	4	
Hawkers' and Peddlars'	7	
Junk	9	
Bowling and Pool	3	
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	109	
Paid Town Treasurer		\$ 231.00

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

Male	591	
Female	95	
Spayed Female	237	
Kennel	5	
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	928	
Paid Town Treasurer		\$1,995.40

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED

Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	682
Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	281
Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses	268
Resident Citizens' Minors' Fishing Lics.	100
Resident Citizens' Women's Fishing Lics.	136
Resident Citizens' Trapping Licenses	2
Non-Resident Citizens' 3-Day Fishing Lics.	4
Non-Resident Minor's Fishing License	1
Non-Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	11
Non-Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	2
Duplicate Licenses	19
Resident Citizens' Sporting & Trapping Licenses — Free	109
Resident Citizen Old Age Assistance, and to the Blind Fishing Licenses—Free	10
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	1625

Amount paid to Division of Fisheries and Game \$5,271.75
 Clare P. Boyer,
 In account with the Town of Southbridge:

Vital Statistics:

Includes Birth, Death and Marriage certificates issued; also duplicate dog tags. Vital Statistic corrections and Marriage intentions		\$ 837.85
MORTGAGES		1,345.00
Dog Licenses Fees		185.60
Sporting Licenses Fees		407.00
Recordings: Includes Pole and Wire Locations, Registration of Optometrist and Registration of Dentist		63.25
Recordings of Blasting Bonds		6.00
Paid Town Treasurer		<hr/> \$2,844.70

**LIST OF JURORS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN
 DURING 1954**

Joseph A. Bombardier, 30 Cohasse Street.
 Wilfred J. LeBlanc, 219 Charlton Street.
 Charles F. Proulx, 81 Wall Street.
 Herman Plasse, 79 Fairlawn Avenue.
 Leodore Tremblay, 276 Charlton Street.
 Napoleon J. Lavallee, 88 School Street.
 Armand F. Hebert, 55 Coombs Street.
 Marie Rose Russell, 86 Hamilton Street.
 Armand Gaumond, 711 Main Street.
 Richard Pinsonneault, 35 Orchard Street.
 George J. Patenaude, 12 Pine Street.
 Marie Lariviere, 97 Everett Street.
 George V. Costa, 76 Elm Street.
 Louis G. Ethier, 224 Mechanic Street.
 Alexis Laporte, 119 West Street.
 Florence Decker, 206 Chapin Street.
 Rudolphe St. Germain, 466 Worcester Street.
 Ranato Volpini, 193 Eastford Road.
 Joseph R. Durocher, 107 Pine Street.
 Albert F. Duquette, 14 Worcester Street.
 Ernest A. Farland, 15 Chestnut Street.
 Roger B. Thompson, 227 High Street.
 Robert E. Brown, 468 Main Street.
 Edward Loranger, 127 Pleasant Street.
 Jean B. Jolin, 272 Mechanic Street.
 Wilfred Leblanc, 219 Charlton Street.
 Adelard Lavallee, 75 Crystal Street.
 Francis D. Dumas, 14 Ames Street.
 Ovila Trahan, 19 Clarke Street.

MEETINGS HELD DURING 1954

March 8, 1954	Annual Town Meeting
June 21, 1954	Special Town Meeting
August 9, 1954	Special Town Meeting
September 14, 1954	State Primaries
November 2, 1954	State Election
November 22, 1954	Special Town Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

CLARE P. BOYER,
Town Clerk.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

For year ending December 31, 1954

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1954	\$ 366,283.21	
Receipts for 1954	2,359,069.78	
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1954 Disbursements		\$2,725,352.99
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Balance—Cash on Hand, December 31, 1954	\$	373,145.42

FUNDED DEBT

Due 1955	Denominated	Date of Issue	Amt. of Loan	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954
\$ 6,000.00	Eastford Rd. & West St. Schools	1936	\$152,490.00	\$12,000.00
4,000.00	Northern Dist. Elementary Sch.	1938	80,000.00	16,000.00
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\$10,000.00				\$28,000.00

TEMPORARY LOANS

\$150,000.00	Anticipation of Taxes	Due May 2, 1955
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POST WAR FUND

2¼% U. S. Treasury Bonds — Dated Feb. 1, 1954	\$75,000.00
2¼% U. S. Treasury Bonds — Dated June 1, 1954	75,000.00
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	\$150,000.00
Coupon & Savings Bank Interest Through Dec. 31, 1954	38,638.14
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Total Fund	\$188,638.14

CEMETERY FUND

Depository	Balance Dec. 31, 1954	Int. 1954
Cambridge Savings Bank	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 93.75
Dedham Inst. for Savings	2,000.00	60.00
Gardner Savings Bank	3,000.00	90.00
Lynn Inst. for Savings	2,000.00	27.50
Leominster Savings Bank	2,475.00	74.26

Millbury Savings Bank	2,000.00	50.86
New Bedford 5-Cent Savings Bank	3,000.00	82.50
Natick 5-Cent Savings Bank	2,500.00	75.00
Southbridge Savings Bank	10,698.20	308.05
Salem 5-Cent Savings Bank	3,000.00	90.00
Winchendon Savings Bank	3,000.00	105.00
Ware Savings Bank	2,000.00	62.50
Webster 5-Cent Savings Bank	2,000.00	47.14
Worcester 5-Cent Savings Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Worcester Federal Co-op. Bank	4,000.00	120.00
Workingmen's Co-op. Bank	4,000.00	115.00
Merchant's Co-op. Bank	4,000.00	120.00
Mattapan Co-op. Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Mt. Washington Co-op. Bank	4,000.00	120.00
Congress Co-op. Bank	4,000.00	120.00
Southbridge Co-op. Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Merrimack Co-op. Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Suffolk Co-op. Bank	4,000.00	120.00
Minot Co-op. Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Lincoln Co-op. Bank	2,000.00	70.00
Southbridge Credit Union	6,000.00	180.00
Southbridge Credit Union	4,602.10	118.70
Southbridge Credit Union	8,000.00	240.00
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	\$94,735.30	\$2,790.26
Cemetery Fund as of January 1, 1954		\$93,305.30
Added to Fund, 1954		1,430.00
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Cemetery Fund — December 31, 1954		\$94,735.30

TRUST FUNDS

Depository	Balance		Balance
	Jan. 1, 1954	Int. 1954	Dec. 31, 1954
Mary Mynott Fund			
Southbridge Savings	\$1,000.00	\$30.00	\$1,000.00
Boyer Fund			
Southbridge Savings	479.67	14.48	494.15

Jesse J. Angell Fund

Southbridge Savings	1,596.46	48.24	1,644.70
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Ella M. Cole Fund

Attleboro Savings	1,000.00	26.25	1,000.00
Cambridge Savings	1,000.00	31.25	1,000.00
Charlestown 5-Cent	1,000.00	31.25	1,000.00

Hannah Edwards Fund

First National Bank of Boston, Trustee	5,000.00	155.00	5,000.00
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Mabel Murphy Fund

Southbridge Savings	2,000.00		2,000.00
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Adah Stedman Fund

Southbridge Credit Union	1,000.00		1,000.00
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Respectfully submitted,

NORBERT C. BENOIT,
Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the year ending December 31st, 1954. All appropriations voted since 1954 Tax Rate was fixed.

Tax Rate for 1954 was set at \$55.00.

Total Appropriations as certified by

Town Clerk to be raised by

Taxation \$1,498,215.16

Total appropriations voted to be

taken from available funds. In

1954 since 1953 tax rate

was fixed 76,515.98 \$1,574,731.14

STATE:

Tax and Assessments:	1954 Estimates	1953 Under-estimates	
State Parks & Reservations	\$ 3,438.96	\$ 765.11	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	1,115.80		
State Examination of Retirement System	488.21		
	<u>\$ 5,042.97</u>	<u>\$ 765.11</u>	\$ 5,808.08

COUNTY:

Tax & Assessments:

County Tax	\$47,565.41		
Tuberculosis	43,151.45	\$5,410.99	
	<u>\$90,716.86</u>	<u>\$5,410.99</u>	\$ 96,127.85

OVERLAY of Current Year 23,095.43

GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED \$1,699,762.50

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS:

Estimated receipts for the year 1953 \$ 545,268.23

OVERESTIMATES of previous year to be used as available funds:

County Tax \$ 2,186.30

**Amounts voted to be taken
from Available Funds:**

\$ 5,000.00—Sept. 14, 1953
 290.00—May 8, 1953
 8,402.39—Dec. 16, 1953
 30,323.59—June 23, 1953
 92,000.00—March 8, 1954
 15,000.00—March 8, 1954
 8,500.00—March 8, 1954
 9,000.00—March 8, 1954

\$168,515.98

\$ 168,515.98

\$ 170,702.28

**Total Estimated Receipts and
Available Funds**

\$ 715,970.51

**Net Amounts to be Raised by
Taxation on Polls and Property**

\$ 983,791.99

Number of Polls 5200 @ \$2.00 each ..\$ 10,400.00

Total Valuation:

Personal Property \$ 2,934,245.00 \$ 161,383.48

Real Estate \$14,763,715.00 \$ 812,004.32

**Total Assessed
Valuation on
Personal and
Real Estate**

\$17,697,960.00

Gain on account of fraction

division of tax rate \$ 4.19

Total Taxes Levied

on Polls & Property

\$ 983,791.99

**Items not Entered into the
Determination of the Tax Rate:**

Betterment & Special As-
 sessments added to taxes:

Sewer Assessments \$ 104.10

Total of all Other Commitments

\$ 104.10

Total Amount of all Taxes on Polls & Property and Assess- ments Committed to the Tax Collector to Date of Tax Rate	\$ 983,896.09
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ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS:

Aug. 3, 1954—Poll Tax	\$ 48.00	
Warrant to Col., Aug. 3, 1954		\$ 48.00
Aug. 11, 1954—Sidewalk	423.89	
Warrant to Col., Aug. 11, 1954		423.89
Dec. 15, 1954—Poll Tax	22.00	
Warrant to Col., Dec. 15, 1954		\$ 22.00
Dec. 15, 1954—Pers. Prop.	16.50	
Warrant to Col., Dec. 15, 1954		16.50

**Total Warrants to Collector on
Polls, Real Estate, Personal,**

Sewer, Sidewalk and Omitted Assessments for 1954	\$ 984,006.48
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Valuation of Motor Vehicles for 1954	\$2,894,349.00
Tax on Motor Vehicles for 1954	\$ 126,854.91
Warrant to Collector for 1954	\$ 126,854.91

Total Assessed Valuation for 1954 Including Motor Vehicles	\$20,592,309.00
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Total Warrants to Collector for 1954	\$1,110.861.39
Value of Exempted Property	

Churches, Parsonages, Schools and Hospital	\$1,494,300.00
Town Property	1,493,905.00
U. S. Post Office	98,000.00
U. S. Government Housing Project	144,250.00

Total Exempted Property	\$3,230,455.00
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Total number of Motor Vehicles Assessed	6399
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Total number of Dwelling Houses	2745
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Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES NORMANDIN,
ROSARIO ARPIN,
RAYMOND BENOIT,
Board of Assessors.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit my report for the Tree Warden Department for the year ending December 31, 1954.

The past year I removed 12 dead trees on town owned property that were endangering the public. Six stumps out of sidewalks, also repainted 16 cavities, fed 4 trees in front of Worcester County Trust Co. and the Post Office.

I pruned dead limbs on trees on various streets, also braced and cabled 5 trees.

Tree Warden Department:

1954 Receipts and Appropriation	\$4,605.00
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Salaries and Wages:

Tree Warden	\$ 581.81
Labor	2,190.22

Other Expenses:

Equipment Hire	96.00
Winch Service	233.75
Truck Hire	796.25
Power Saw Hire	438.50
Tree Fertilizer	21.38
Elm Tree Removal in front of Hospital Spa	105.00
Tools and Material (rope, axes, Tree paint, paint brushes, etc.)	142.09

\$4,605.00

Tree Warden Department, First Hurricane "Carol":

Salaries and Wages:

Tree Warden	\$ 144.76
Labor	331.29

Other Expenses:

Truck Hire	113.75
Power Saw Hire	42.75

\$ 632.55

Tree Warden Department, Second Hurricane "Edna":

Salaries and Wages:

Tree Warden	\$ 122.26
Labor	372.97

Other Expenses:

Truck Hire	85.75
Power Saw Hire	33.25

614.23

\$1,246.78

Respectfully submitted,
CHESTER J. MASKA,
Tree Warden.

DUTCH ELM DISEASE DEPT.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit my report for the Dutch Elm Disease Department for the year ending December 31, 1954.

I sprayed the town owned Elm trees twice with a Hydraulic Sprayer, using DDT Emulsion to control Elm Leaf and Bark Beetle, with excellent results.

I also removed and burned 5 DUTCH ELM DISEASED trees on town owned property.

With State help we removed 7 DUTCH ELM DISEASED trees on private property.

Dutch Elm Disease Department:

1954 Receipts and Appropriation \$3,500.00

Salaries and Wages:

Moth Superintendent	\$ 153.35
Labor	568.15

Other Expenses:

Power Saw Hire	83.00
Truck Hire	169.75
Winch Hire	35.00
Material (Paint brushes, tree paint, rope, etc.)	31.08
Telephone and Postage for Elm Samples ..	1.42
Insecticides (#C996 Niatox D-25)	514.25
Hydraulic Spraying	1,944.00

\$3,500.00

Respectfully submitted,
CHESTER J. MASKA,
Moth Superintendent.

GYPSY MOTH DEPT.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit my report for the Gypsy Moth Department for the year ending December 31, 1954.

The past year I sprayed with DDT and Lead as many of our town owned trees as possible, for Gypsy Moth and Web Worm, because of limited amount of funds.

I find in sprayed areas infestation has been kept down to my satisfaction, unsprayed areas, infestation is spreading, especially from Sandersdale to Dudley and north to Charlton.

Moth Extermination 1954 Appropriation	\$ 400.00
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Salaries and Wages:

Moth Superintendent	\$ 25.27
Labor	19.38

Other Expenses:

Hydraulic Sprayer & Spray Material	343.10
Truck Hire	12.25

\$ 400.00

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER J. MASKA,
Moth Superintendent.

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

In accordance with the law and custom, I submit the following report of the year ending December 31, 1954, giving names of members of the Fire Department, values of properties under my supervision, number of fires we responded to, values of properties where loss occurred. dates and location of fires.

We responded to 19 Bell Alarms. 251 Still Alarms. Total Alarms for the year, 270.

350 Hydrants at \$65.00 each per year	Total \$21,450.00
Value of Buildings	\$164,800.00
Loss on Buildings	28,972.27
Insurance on Buildings	106,550.00
Insurance Paid on Buildings	18,552.27
Value of Contents	123,520.00

Loss on Contents	13,142.87
Insurance on Contents	89,700.00
Insurance Paid on Contents	10,222.87

Inventory of the Fire Department

Fire Station	\$ 75,000.00
Fire Apparatus	50,000.00
Fire Department Supplies	12,000.00
Gamewell Fire Alarm System	30,000.00

FIRE ALARMS ANSWERED:

- Jan. 19**—Box 134 at 9:42 A. M. Tenement at 19 Locust Ave. Owned by Norman Proulx. Caused by defective wiring. Insured.
- Feb. 17**—Still Alarm at 1:03 A. M. Rooming House at 562 Hamilton St. Owned by William Laughnane. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.
- Feb. 27**—Still Alarm at 11:45 A. M. Tenement at 120 Marcy St. Owned by Leopold Lemmelin. Caused by defective wiring. Insured.
- March 3**—Box 434 at 3:15 P. M. Tenement at 3 Ames St. Owned by Emile Giroux. Caused by sparks from incinerator. Insured.
- March 16**—Still Alarm at 10:16 A. M. at 142 Pleasant St. Owned by Chester Pezzetti. Caused by kerosene pot stove. Insured.
- March 25**—Box 35 at 7:55 P. M. Tenement at 86 Hamilton St. Owned by Mrs. Lena M. Page. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.
- April 25**—Box 46 at 10:09 P. M. Radio repair shop at 50 Lens St. Owned by Napoleon Eno. Caused by sparks from emery wheel into saw dust. Insured.
- May 29**—Box 24 at 1:59 P. M. Shed at rear 35 Lovely St. Owned by Ovide Trahan. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.
- May 29**—Box 24 at 1:59 P. M. Shed at rear 35 Lovely St. Owned by William Bouvier. Caused by careless smoking. Not insured.
- June 1**—Still alarm at 1:45 P. M. Tenement at 125 Morris St. Owned by Albanian Society. Caused by carelessly thrown cigarette. Insured.
- June 1**—Still alarm at 2:15 P. M. Shack at 5 Belmont St. Owned by Napoleon Vory. Caused by overheated stove. Not insured.
- July 19**—Still alarm at 12:43 A. M. Tenement at 20 Liberty St. Owned by Eugene Blais, Jr. Caused by smoking in bed. Insured.

- July 29**—Still Alarm at 11:00 P. M. Store awning at Main and Elm Sts. Owned by Martin Krasowski. Caused by carelessly thrown cigarette. Insured.
- Sept. 12**—Box 424 at 1:20 A. M. House, shed and barn at Blackmoore Rd. Owned by Arthur Beaumier. Caused by defective pot oil burner. Insured.
- Sept. 30**—Box 23 at 9:34 P. M. Tenement at 135 Litchfield Ave. Owned by John Cuikaj. Caused by careless smoking. Partly insured.
- Oct. 2**—Box 112 at 7:34 P. M. Radio repair shop at 50 Lens St. Owned by Napoleon Eno and Romeo Bonnette. Caused by washing radio parts in thinner. Insured.
- Oct. 3**—Still alarm at 7:56 P. M. Store awning at 133 Elm St. Owned by Mrs. Inez Ruzzolli. Caused by carelessly discarded cigarette. Insured.
- Oct. 5**—Box 52 at 8:07 P. M. Tenement at 75 Morris St. Owned by Ralph Eldred. Caused by setting fire to couch in a vacant apartment. Not insured.
- Oct. 11**—Box 226 at 6:40 P. M. Tenement at 241½ Charlton St. Owned by John Pasay. Caused by overheated electric plate left on a padded chair. Partly insured.
- Oct. 28**—Still alarm at 9:50 A. M. Tenement at 7 Charlton St. Owned by Elzear Senecal. Caused by ash tray thrown in box. Insured.
- Oct. 30**—Still alarm at 5:30 P. M. Coal shed at off Hook St. Owned by Southbridge Coal Co. Cause undetermined.
- Nov. 7**—Still alarm at 5:30 A. M. Tenement at 28 Thomas St. Owned by Edward Bonnette. Caused by overheated chimney. Insured.
- Nov. 8**—Still alarm at 4:02 P. M. Tenement at 47 Morris St. Owned by Ralph Mitchel. Caused by careless use of matches. Insured.
- Nov. 25**—Box 65 at 1:24 P. M. Tenement at 973 Main St. Owned by Omer Perron. Caused by overheated chimney. Insured.

PERMITS

Transporting Gasoline	5
High Explosives	48
Range Oil Burners	40
Power Oil Burners	114
Open Air Permits	453
Removal of Gasoline Tanks	5
Decorations	12
Bottled Gas Permits	14
Burning Paint off Buildings	7

INSPECTIONS

Stores	309
Hotels and Boarding Houses	61
Tenement Houses	1906
Range Oil Burners	40
Power Oil Burners	114
Clubs and Cafes	130
Locked Out	41
Complaints	109

In closing my report for last year, I wish to thank the Citizens for their co-operation, and members of the Department for their loyalty to their work.

In conclusion, the Chief, Oswald Meunier, on behalf of the members of the Fire Department wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen and the other Town Officials for their courtesy and consideration of the Department.

OSWALD MEUNIER,
Chief of the Fire Department.

For the Fire Department,
EDWARD BOUCHER (Clerk)

ROSTER OF THE SOUTHBRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief

Oswald Meunier

Deputy Chief

Daniel Daniels

Permanent Firemen

Captain, Emile Caouette	Captain, Archie Langevin
Ovila Donais	Adrien Pouliot
Harry Gendron	Victor Caouette
Ernest Collette	Edward McNally
Henry Desourdy	Romeo Mathieu
Alva Gregoire	Napoleon White
Arthur Marand	Jean St. Amant
Edward Boucher	Alfred Langevin
Biagio Puccilli	Roland LaRochelle
Rodolphe Arpin	William Berry

Call Men — Hose Co. No. 1

Captain, Hermas Lippe	Lieutenant, Leopold Langlais
Armand Dumas	Paul Lucier
Henry Santelli	Clarence Blais
Walter Earnest	Thomas Mannis
Joseph Brouillard	Wilfred Forcier

Call Men — Hose Co. No. 2

Captain, Eugene Gaumond	Lieutenant, Alexander Daigle
Ferdinand Szczypien	George Plouffe
Roy Proulx	Archie Matte
Aime Ravenelle	Roger Favreau
Armand Gibeault	Melvin Williams

Call Men — Aerial No. 1

Captain, Eugene Blais	Lieutenant, Napoleon Blais
Raoul Plouffe	Louis Ciprari
Armand Durocher	Arthur Caplette
Angelo Monaco	Francis Healy
Raymond Dartt	Anthony DiPeitro
Raymond Houle	

Supt. of Fire Alarm
Normand LaRochelle

FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Forest Fire Department answered 48 alarms for forest fires in 1954.

Forest Fire Warden's salary, \$200.00.

There were 453 permits for fires in the open.

I wish at this time to thank the people for their good will and again ask their co-operation with this department to prevent fires in this vicinity.

Inventory of the Forest Fire Department

3 Forest Fire pumps	\$3,000.00
4900 Ft. of 1½ in. hose	2,400.00
6 1½ in. shut-off nozzles	125.00
6 1-in. shut-off nozzles	120.00
8 Open end nozzles	54.00
1 ½ ton Ford truck	800.00
22 2½ gallon extinguishers	155.00
13 Indian fire pumps	163.50
4 2½ gallon hand pumps	60.00
6 Ten quart pails	15.00
14 Brooms	14.00
2 Shovels	2.00
12 Reducers	60.00

OSWALD MEUNIER,
Forest Fire Dept. Warden.

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens

Daniel Daniels	Emile Caouette
Albert Servant	Joseph Mandeville
Romeo Lippe	Archie Langevin
Harry Michaels	Rosario Bellerose

AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

In rendering my report for the past year, I wish to state that there was an appropriation of \$1,731.00 for this Department.

During the past year the Ambulances made the following trips:

Southbridge	357
Sturbridge	55
Worcester	54
Charlton	46
Boston	19
Fiskdale	19
Brimfield	8
Jamaica Plains	7
Tewksbury	5
Dodge	5
Holland	5
Dudley	5
Spencer	4
Barre	4
West Dudley	3
West Boylston	2
Grafton	2
Brookfield	2
Wales	2
Ludlow	1
Upton	1
Millbury	1
Leominster	1
Oxford	1
East Brimfield	1
Springfield	1
East Thompson, Conn.	1
Putnam, Conn.	1
Northampton	1
Webster	1
Woodstock, Conn.	1
Total	616

Inventory of the Ambulance Department

1	Cadillac Ambulance	\$3,000.00
1	Packard Ambulance	4,000.00
2	Spare Tires	35.00
2	Folding Stretchers	60.00
1	Orthopatic Stretcher	60.00

2	First Aid Kits	10.00
2	Flame Proof Blankets	90.00
3	Pillows	7.50
19	Pillow Cases	8.50
15	Sheets	15.00
24	Blankets	96.00

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Southbridge, Mass.:

The Board of Health met March 4, 1954 and organized as follows: Dr. Raymond F. Haling, Chairman; Dr. Armand Degrenier, Clerk, and Mr. Henry Demers, Publicity Chairman.

During the year 12 regular and 4 special meetings were held.

On September 1, 1954, the Board appointed Mr. Arthur Ballard, plumbing, milk and food inspector.

Three new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were discovered during the year, and six patients received treatment in Sanatoria, at the present time four patients are being hospitalized at the County Sanatorium, contacts, suspicious cases and cases reported to us by their family physician are examined and X-rayed at the County Sanatorium, transportation to and from West Boylston is provided in most cases.

Report submitted by the various members of our staff are contained in the following pages.

We wish to thank all the Citizens who have cooperated and assisted the Department in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND F. HALING, M.D., Chairman
DR. ARMAND DEGRENIER, D.M.D.
HENRY DEMERS, P.H.G.

REPORT OF THE AGENT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

The clerical work for the year 1954, included the tabulation of all deaths, and reported contagious diseases, recording the minutes of all regular and special meetings and necessary correspondence.

I herewith submit the following list of contagious diseases reported to this office:

Chicken Pox	26
Dog Bite	28

Mumps	44
German Measles	1
Measles	48
Meningococcal	2
Scarlet Fever	11
Tuberculosis	3
Whooping Cough	15
Diphtheria	2
Typhoid Fever	1
Bacillary Sonne	6
Poliomyelitis	2
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List of deaths for 1954 which this office issued permits for burial:

Rheumatic Heart	1
Arteriosclerotic	18
Chronic Myocarditis	1
Congestive Heart Failure	3
Coronary Occlusion	3
Coronary Thrombosis	39
Hypertensive Heart Disease	3
Unknown	2
Myocardial Infarct	2
Cerebral Vascular Thrombosis	3
Cerebral Hemorrhage	18
Respiratory Failure	1
Hypostatic Pneumonia	5
Pulmonary Embolism	5
Myocardial Failure	3
Pulmonary Edema	4
Chronic Myocarditis	2
Lobar Pneumonia	2
Bronchial Pneumonia	4
Carcinoma of Ovary	1
Carcinoma of Intestine	2
Carcinoma of Rectum	3
Carcinoma of Breast	2
Carcinoma of Liver	1
Carcinoma of Stomach	5
Cancer of Prostate	2
Cancer of the Esophagus	2
Cancer of Colon	1
Intestinal Obstruction	3
Fractured Spine	1
Uremia	3
Cancer of Bladder	1
Asphyxia	1
Pathological Studies	1

Cancer of the Lungs	5
Bleeding Duodenal	1
Hernia	1
Gastric Hemorrhage	1
Gangrene	1
Cancer of Cecum	1
Senility	1
Leukemia	1
Fractured Pelvis	1
Fractured Skull	1
Sub Arochnoid Hemorrhage	1
Suicide	2
Prematurity	14
Still Born	4

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Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST TETREAULT,
Agent.

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

I hereby submit my report as Sanitary Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1954.

I received, during the year, 39 complaints; all were investigated.

Permits and Licenses Issued

Day School	2
Boarding for the Aged	1
Vapor Bath	1
Convalescent and Nursing Home	1
Slaughter House	1
Funeral Director	5
Anti-Freeze	42

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Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST TETREAULT,
Sanitary Inspector.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH NURSE

To the Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

I herewith submit my report as Board of Health Nurse for the year ending December 31, 1954.

Tuberculosis Clinics

Bi-weekly clinics were scheduled at the Worcester County Tuberculosis Sanatorium for chest X-ray and examination of patients, referred by their family physician. Sixty-one persons were X-rayed, thirteen as routine to assist physicians to confirm their diagnosis, nineteen were ex-sanatoria patients, reporting for a regular checkup, twenty-four were contacts, and five, as a requirement for admission to college. Nine patients were hospitalized for treatment in three sanatoria. The number of days residence for each patient varies according to the severity of the disease.

Dental Clinics

Each school year we have sixty-four clinic periods, to clean and repair carious teeth, also to teach children the value of oral hygiene, and its relation to health. During the first few years of school, care of the teeth is still largely a matter of forming the habit of regular cleaning, and the clinic stimulates this habit. The allotted time for each pupil is limited, it's often necessary to have them return several times, in order to complete the work. Two clinic periods in class rooms were used to chart dental defects. Three hundred and fifty-nine pupils were examined. Four hundred and nineteen reported to the clinics, all had their teeth cleaned, plus two hundred and fifty-three fillings.

Immunization Clinics

Our annual immunization program for the prevention of diphtheria, whooping-cough, and tetanus took place on the following dates—January 12th, February 9th, March 9th, and April 6th, plus two class-room sessions for booster injections.

Primary immunization should be followed by a recall (booster) injection, one year after completion for children immunized in infancy. Repeated again at five or six years of age, and thereafter every five years through elementary and the tenth and eleventh grades in High School. Two hundred and thirty were given a booster dose, and a hundred and thirteen had the initial series of three injections a month apart. It is interesting to note that more than fifty percent of the pupils entering school for the first time were immunized by their family physician.

Pre-School Clinics

The preparation of children to enter school in the Fall is considered a part of the school health program. The first aim of the clinic, to make it possible for every child to enter school free from remedial defects. A great deal of time was necessary to check and record names, birth dates, and addresses of children eligible for the kindergarten and first grade. The

school census list furnished us with this information. Three hundred nad eighty-seven letters were sent. Parents also received a copy of the data necessary for school records, and an appointment date to register. These clinics were held in the school nurse's office in the High School building, on April 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th and May 4th, 5th and 6th. Three hundred and thirty-five registered. Thirty-five reported the following week to the school physicians for a physical examination, and the remaining group were examined by their own family physician.

A total of five hundred and twelve pupils were examined by the school physician, in the following grades—two, four, six and eight in St. Mary's, Ste. Jeanne d'Arc, and Notre Dame schools. As part of the physical examination each year, the nurse weighs and measures all the pupils, except the kindergarten. Two hundred and sixty-two pupils had a hearing test, and two hundred and seventy-two had a vision test. Parents were notified of failures, and advised to have defects corrected as soon as possible.

The Hyland Nursery and Kindergarten, and the Southbridge Nursery Kindergarten schools were inspected in the Spring and Fall. Total enrollment, fifty-three pupils. Both schools were found to have adequate facilities, and a pleasant environment.

During seven months of the school year, sixty-six parochial school children were provided with a bottle of milk for a mid-morning lunch. Pupils, teachers, and others concerned wish to thank the Lions' Club for funds donated for this health measure.

Home visits were made to instruct families on the care and prevention of communicable diseases, also office interviews with parents in reference to school problems and information regarding health resources for correction of defects and handicapped children.

A brief summary of statistics in this report, may give a better understanding of the major part of the health program.

Number of Interviews with Doctors, Nurses, State Supervisors, Social Workers, Teachers, District Health Officer		307
Number of School Visits		206
Number of Home Visits		106
Number of Vision Tests		272
Number of Hearing Tests		262
Number of Pupils Interviewed		77
Number of Immunization Clinics		6
Number of Pupils Immunized		343
Number of Registration Clinics		8

Number of Children Registered	350
Number of Dental Clinics	64
Number of Children Reporting to Clinics	419
Number of Children Examined in Class Rooms	359

At this time I wish to thank all organizations and individuals who co-operated and assisted in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE C. HOULE, R.N.,
Board of Health Nurse.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

To the Honorable Board of Health

Gentlemen:

During the year, the following plumbing fixtures and appliances were installed:

Water Closets	169
Lavatories	139
Bath Tubs	90
Kitchen Sinks	95
Laundry Trays	13
Shower Stalls	16
Urinals	10
Garbage Grinders	1
Clothes Washing Machines	15
Dish Washing Machines	2
Bar or Soda Fountain Sinks	1
Indirect and Tankless Heaters	57
Hot Water Tanks (Range Boilers)	19
Floor Drains	2
Utility Sinks	2
Laboratory Sinks	9
Dental Units	2
Water Coolers	3
Water Pipe Renewals	7

Total Fixtures and Appliances	694
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In addition, 32 connections were made to public sewers.

Where no public sewers were available 9 septic tanks were installed with drainage fields.

Number of Permits Granted	187
Number of Inspections	243
Number of Water Tests	58
Unfinished Jobs on Dec. 31, 1954	23

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR O. BALLARD,
Inspector of Plumbing.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Board of Health

Gentlemen:

This is my report for the year 1954 as slaughtering inspector for the Town of Southbridge.

Cattle	Hogs	Calves	Sheep	Goats
7	17	7	8	0

Respectfully submitted,

ALCIDE FOURNIER,
Inspector of Slaughtering.

REPORT OF THE PODIATRIST

To the Board of Health Physician:

Dear Sir:

Herewith, I submit a partial report of the examination of Parochial School Children. This report includes the 8th, 6th, 4th and 2nd grades of St. Mary's and Notre Dame Schools. Still to be examined are the children of St. Jeanne d'Arc School and also those children who are in the odd grades and in whom defects were found in the course of last year's examination. Total examined thus far, 308.

Following is a classification of the defects found in the examination:

Posture	3
Skin Disorders	33
Orthopedic Conditions	60
Nail Disorders	26
Hygiene	10

Many of these conditions are of a minor nature and having been brought to the attention of the parents, will soon be corrected.

The examination of the remaining children should be completed in a few weeks.

Sincere thanks to the Board of Health Nurse, Miss Houle, to the school authorities, personnel and the parents for their cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. DeJORDY, D.S.C.

REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Southbridge Board of Health

Gentlemen:

The result of the annual inspection of the elementary grades are distributed as follows:

St. Mary's School Physical Examinations — Defects Listed

Grade 2 — 24 Pupils

Enlarged Tonsils	1
Enlarged Cervical Glands	1

Grade 4 — 20 Pupils

Teeth	4
Enlarged Tonsils	4
Tonsils Removed	1

Grade 6 — 29 Pupils

Teeth	5
Enlarged Tonsils	4

Grade 8 — 27 Pupils

Teeth	5
Enlarged Tonsils	2

Notre Dame School Physical Examination — Defects Listed

Grade 2 — 93 Pupils

Teeth	5
Enlarged Tonsils	13
Enlarged Cervical Glands	3

Grade 4 — 70 Pupils

Teeth	19
Enlarged Tonsils	5
Enlarged Cervical Glands	1

Grade 6 — 70 Pupils

Teeth	12
Enlarged Tonsils	11
Each—(Discharging, under treatment)	1
Poor Posture	1

Grade 8 — 53 Pupils

Teeth	10
Enlarged Tonsils	3
Skin Condition (Acne)	3

Ste. Jeanne d'Arc School
Physical Examination — Defects Listed

Grade 2 — 46 Pupils

Teeth	4
Enlarged Tonsils	8
Enlarged Cervical Glands	7
Skin Condition	1

Grade 4 — 32 Pupils

Teeth	9
Enlarged Tonsils	10

Grade 6 — 28 Pupils

Teeth	13
Enlarged Tonsils	3

Grade 8 — 20 Pupils

Teeth	3
Skin Condition	3

Respectfully submitted,
 RAYMOND F. HALING, M.D.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1954.

The wiring permits issued were as follows:

New Buildings	38
Remodeling and Additions to Already Erected Buildings	23
Additions to Old Wiring	182
Oil Burners	105
Electric Ranges	94
Electric Hot Water Heaters	12
Miscellaneous	14
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Total Permits Issued	468
Inspections While Work is in Progress	346
Recommendations to Change Wiring	25

Respectfully submitted,
 CLARENCE A. BACHAND,
 Inspector of Wires.

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

Herewith I submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1954 of the Police Department.

On behalf of the Police Department, I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for the splendid cooperation received from your Honorable Board, all other Town Departments, the members of the Auxiliary Police, who have donated so generously of their time to the public service of the Town, the parents and members of the School Safety Patrol and the Citizens of our Community in the year 1954.

Assaults	5
Assault to Rape	2
Arson	1
Breaking and Entering and Larceny	7
Forgery	2
Larceny	22
Using Motor Vehicle Without Authority	1
Accosting	1
Violation of Town By-Law	9
Absent Without Leave from Armed Forces	2
Disturbance of Public Peace	7
Operating so as to Endanger	3
Operating While Under the Influence of Liquor	19
Drunkenness	(Females 18) 217
False Fire Alarms	2
Fornication	1
Lewd and Lascivious Cohabitation	1
Lewdness	1
Violation of Liquor Laws	1
Violation of Motor Vehicle Laws	91
Neglect, Desertion, Non-Support of Children, Family	(1 Female) 4
Violation of Traffic Rules	(3 Females) 132
Vagrancy	7
Carrying Dangerous Weapon	1
Malicious Mischief	2
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TOTAL PERSONS ARRESTED	(22 Females) 545
Personal Injury Accidents Reported (2 Bikes, 13 Pedestrians)	35
Property Damage Accidents Reported	40
Sound Truck Permits Issued	37

13. Repair Roof, Depot Station—Southbridge Roofing.
14. Paint Depot Station—Priscilla Paint.
15. New Office—Welfare Department in Town Hall—H. J. Madore Construction.
16. Morris Street Sidewalk—Highway Department.

New Streets Laid Out

Highland Street Extension	Hook, Central, Foster, and
Mary Ellen Lane	North Sts.
Judith Street	Snow Street
Dennison Hill Road	Forest Avenue

Investigations

1. Locate Sewer Lines:

Green Avenue	Park Street
Old Sturbridge Road	Liberty Street
Dennison Drive	Westwood Hill

2. Drainage:

High and Glover Street	Jennison Street
Margaret Street	Charlton Street
Lebanon Hill	Fiske Street
Wall Street	Cohasse Brook at Oak Ridge
Central Street	Cemetery

3. Street Bounds Set:

Lebanon Hill (2)	Lyons Street (2)
Newman Avenue (2)	Faulkner Avenue (2)
Roosevelt Drive (2)	Langlois Avenue (3)
Columbia Street (1)	Hartwell Terrace (2)
Belmont Street (2)	Dennison Hill Road (7)
Dennison Drive (2)	

4. Pole Locations:

Morris Street

5. Street Lines and Grades:

Lovely Street	Roger Street
Highland Street	Laurel Street
Henry Street Field	Alumni Field
Chapin Street	Newman Avenue
Charlton Street	Cole Avenue
Road from Chestnut to Cohasse	River Street
Street or Everett Street	Elm Street
Park Street	Morris Street
Liberty Street	Grades at Brookside Bridge
Grades at Vinton Street Bridge	Windsor Court
Dennison Drive	Hartwell Street Extension

6. Locating and Listing Veterans' Graves:

Saint Mary's Cemetery	Oak Ridge Cemetery
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Other Miscellaneous Investigations

1. Articles for Town Meetings.
2. House Numbers (90).
3. Rotary at North Street (A. O.)
4. Hearing on Route #131 (Boston).
5. Waiver of Damages (Highland Street).
6. Right of Way Plan (West Street School).
7. Sign on Hook Street.
8. Main Street Curb.
9. South Street Stop Signs.
10. Industrial Sites.
11. Parking Meters on Hamilton Street.
12. Check Gravel Banks.
13. Chimney Repair — Town Hall.
14. Check Accident Sites (2).
15. Eastford Road—Water Line, Land Damage.
16. Federal Housing Plan for Possible Use as Recreational Area.
17. Hurricane Damage Repairs.
18. Sewer and Sidewalk Commitments.
19. Cole Trade School Addition.
20. Perambulating Town Boundaries.
21. Hurricane Damage.

Mr. William Congdon, Graves Registration Officer for Veterans' Graves, requested the Board of Selectmen for accurate records of Veterans' burial locations. The cemetery plans, having never been completed, required a complete re-surveying, planning, renumbering of all lots in order to give proper registration to Veterans' Graves. This work has been completed in the Oak Ridge Cemetery and St. Mary's Cemetery.

The hurricane of September 11, 1954 has done great damage in the Town of Southbridge. It has completely washed out three bridges and undermined another to the extent that it has had to be closed and will require reconstruction. Three of these bridges are all over the Cady Brook; the other is over the Dean Brook.

We estimate the cost of rebuilding the bridges to be as follows:

Brookside Road Bridge (Cady Brook)	\$35,000.00
Vinton Street Bridge (Cady Brook)	35,000.00
Sewer Bed Bridge (Cady Brook)	2,500.00 - \$4,5000.00

State and Federal authorities have been contacted in regards to rebuilding of the above bridges and possible participation by either or both agencies. Temporary repairs and the placement of a Bailey span by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has made it possible to open the streets to traffic, and when reply of participation by either or both agencies is made

available to Town authorities, then we can know the exact cost to the Town.

Through the cooperation of Representative Leo J. Cournoyer, Board of Selectmen, and the Engineering Department, approval has been obtained of improvements to various channels in the Town by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which can be undertaken under provisions of Chapter 91 of the General Laws. These channels are as follows:

- 1—Cohasse Brook channel improvements from Main Street to Eastford Road, \$20,000.00.
- 2—Cady Brook from Quinebaug River to a point 100 feet upstream from Randolph Street, channel excavation and river walls where necessary, \$35,000.00.
- 3.—Nuisance Brook has, as you know, been the subject of considerable study over a long period of time and a summary of of the various proposals and their cost would appear to be timely. One scheme (probably the best) would consist of a diversion pipe from a point between Reservoir #1 and Reservoir #2 through the intersection of West Street and South Street, thence into the Quinebaug River. Another scheme is to enclose the brook in a pipe between Dresser Street and Dupaul Street.

A recent examination of a 1937 report to the town by Charles T. Main, Incorporated, Consulting Engineers, indicates that the culvert under Main St. and under buildings on the north side of Main Street and under the Ford Service Station are bottlenecks which probably cause the flooding in that vicinity. It is roughly estimated that the culverts in this area could be improved for approximately \$50,000.00.

The Board of Selectmen appointed me as Liaison Officer between the State Hurricane Relief Board and the Board of Selectmen, relative to the operation of Section 4 of Chapter 689, Acts of 1954.

Up to date, we have received approval for reimbursement of \$1,762.05 for hurricane "Carol." No appropriation has been made to date for hurricane "Edna," from which the Town suffered the heaviest.

Again this year, all work was done with the full cooperation of the Highway Department and the Board of Selectmen, which resulted in better work and a great saving to the Town of Southbridge.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of your board and other boards, committees, and departments, for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. RACICOT,
Town Engineer.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Dear Sirs:

I hereby submit the report of the Department of Weights and Measures for the year 1954.

The amount of fees collected for the Town through this Department was \$398.20.

Scales	Adjusted	Sealed	Not Sealed
Over 10,000 lbs.		5	
5,000 to 10,000 lbs.		1	
100 to 5,000 lbs.		80	
Under 100 lbs.		176	
Weights		337	
Yard Sticks		15	
Liquid Measures		20	
Gas Meters	7	73	
Vehicle Meters	9	31	1
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Total	16	738	1

Retests Made

Gas Pumps	8
Berry Baskets	12
Oil Jars	12
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Weighing and Inspections

	Tested	Correct	Under	Over
Bread	284	252	11	21
Butter	180	180		
Confectionary	160	160		
Dry Commodities ..	88	88		
Dry Goods	12	12		
Flour	156	150	6	
Fruits & Vegetables	200	182	18	
Lard	90	88		2
Meat & Prov.	255	227	7	21
Potatoes	240	205	15	20
Coal in Bags	25	25		
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	1690	1569	57	64

Other Inspections

Paper Cartons	10
Peddlers Licenses	15
Milk Jars	50
Bread Markings	284
Food Packages	887
Coal Bag Markings	25
Wholesale Milk Cans	10
Clinical Thermometers	20
Peddlers Scales	5
Ice Cream Cans	3
Oil Jars	110
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Respectfully submitted,

GERARD R. LARIVIERE,
Sealer.

DEPT. OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

The year 1954 witnessed two hurricanes, namely Carol and Edna, which swept throughout New England and caused damage to this area. Your department of Civilian Defense, though limited to its organized facilities, performed helpful services to the Community.

The Communications Division operated by the Quinebaug Valley Radio Club kept Southbridge open through the Amateur Air Waves with Communications to the more important cities and C. D. Headquarters. They also took active part in the Command Post Exercises held in 1954 and made the regular monthly Connel-Rad tests successfully with the State C. D. hook-up. The division was also called out for the "All-Out-CD Test" held in Stratford, Conn., in November when their communications system gave out and were commended highly for the efficient services rendered.

The Auxiliary Police were called out for duty during the hurricanes and also performed Police Duties at the Little and Bigger League Baseball games at Dresser Street Field; were assigned for the Fourth of July Holiday as well as the Community Halloween Party in October. Each member has been familiarized with the duties of regularly assigned Police Of-

ficers on the various beats of the Town and can take over in case of any emergency.

Two hundred paper blankets, supplied through the State C. D. were added to the First Aid Stations located at the Globe Fire Station and here at Police Headquarters. These stations consist of surgical implements and supplies that may be used by the Town for any emergency that may arise.

Respectfully submitted,

OVIDE A. DESROSIERS,
Chief of Police.

VETERAN'S SERVICE CENTER

To the honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

This department is pleased to submit for your consideration its ninth report concerning its activities. During the course of the year, we have had veterans of the Town of Southbridge and their dependents avail themselves of the following services:

Allotment or Allowance	21
Burial	14
Civil Service	35
Compensation	27
Discharge Copy Record	19
Education, Training, Rehabilitation	110
Flags	11
Hospitalization	76
Income Questionnaire	98
Insurance	38
Korean Veterans Bonus	204
Medical — Dental (out patient)	218
Notarization	505
Combat Pay	3
Pensions	61
Photostat	515
Selective Service	17
Social Security	11
Tax Abatement	130
Veterans Administration	2400
Unemployment Compensation	275

Veterans Benefits:

Permanent Cases	76
Temporary Cases	71

In addition to the above, many cases are pending settlement and as a result, constant follow-up service is maintained and reviews and appeals are requested where awards are considered unfair or insufficient.

We wish to express our very sincere thanks to all Town Departments, officials at Holyoke Soldier's Home, Roxbury and Boston V. A. Hospitals, local industries, veterans organization and all others with whose co-operation the services of this department were carried out.

Respectfully submitted,

ROLAND G. HETU,
PAUL H. BENOIT,
Directors.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The Board of Public Welfare met weekly on Monday evenings at 7:00 P. M. throughout the year.

Mr. Herbert H. Michon, Welfare Agent for twenty-seven years, retired on August 1, 1954.

The relief programs under the direction of the Board of Public Welfare are: General Relief, Aid to Dependent Children, Old Age Assistance, Disability Assistance and the Town Infirmary.

GENERAL RELIEF

Assistance given to needy persons by local Board of Public Welfare, under Chapter 117 of the General Laws. Aid may be in cash or by actual provision of the item or service.

Caseload

	Cases	Persons
January	57	162
February	62	141
March	64	163
April	61	165
May	57	159
June	63	173
July	55	143
August	61	155
September	47	115

October	52	114
November	53	115
December	55	119

Expenses and Reimbursements 1954

Total Cost	\$40,131.39
State Reimbursements	3,119.43
Cities and Towns	195.00
Refunds	135.00
Total Reimbursements	3,449.43
Net Cost to Town	36,681.96
Average net cost to Town monthly	3,056.83
Average net cost to Town monthly per case	53.62

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the Mothers' Club, the Elks, various Scout groups, the various persons who wish to remain anonymous, for their generous donations at Christmas time and the various organizations who helped throughout the year to provide extras to the needy children of the Community.

We also wish to express our thanks to the individuals who responded to our appeal for washing machines, and to the Southbridge Evening News for their co-operation.

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

A public assistance program established under Chapter 118 of the General Laws, under which cash allowances are provided for children who are living in a home maintained by their father, mother, or other relative when death, long term illness or some other factor has deprived the child of the normal support or care of either his father or mother. Cash allowances are based upon a mandatory State Standard Budget. Under this program, cities and towns receive State and Federal reimbursements.

Caseload

	No. of cases
January	26
February	26
March	27
April	28
May	27
June	30
July	32
August	28
September	30

October	32
November	33
December	32

Expenses and Reimbursements 1954

Total Cost	\$45,366.29
Federal Reimbursements	19,618.87
State Reimbursements	16,784.40
Refunds and Recoveries	927.90
Total Reimbursements	37,331.17
Net cost to Town	8,035.12
Average net cost to Town monthly	669.59
Average net cost to Town monthly per case	22.32

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

A program of public assistance, established by Chapter 118A of the General Laws, under which cash allowances are provided for elderly persons (65 years of age or over and citizens of the United States) who are in need. Cash allowances are based upon a mandatory State Standard Budget. Under this program, cities and towns receive State and Federal reimbursements.

Caseload

	No. of cases
January	318
February	318
March	319
April	318
May	319
June	320
July	327
August	325
September	326
October	324
November	312
December	312

Expenses and Reimbursements 1954

Total Cost	\$227,678.19
Federal Reimbursements	110,946.81

State Reimbursements	79,466.70
Cities and Towns Reimbursements	1,922.53
Meal Tax	6,334.07
Refunds	1,372.80
Total Reimbursements	200,042.91
Net Cost to Town	27,635.28
Average net cost to Town monthly	2,302.92
Average net cost to Town monthly per case	7.20

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

A program of public assistance established by Chapter 118D of the General Laws, under which cash allowances are provided for needy persons found to be permanently disabled and medically unemployable. In order to be eligible for assistance under this program, a person must be 18 years of age or over. Cash allowances are based upon a mandatory State Standard Budget. Under this program, cities and towns receive State and Federal reimbursements.

Caseload

	No. of cases
January	18
February	18
March	18
April	18
May	19
June	19
July	19
August	19
September	19
October	19
November	19
December	19

Expenses and Reimbursements 1954

Total Cost	\$18,023.90
State Reimbursements	5,466.49
Federal Reimbursements	7,663.60
Refunds	45.35
Total Reimbursements	13,175.44
Net Cost to Town	4,848.46
Average net cost to Town monthly	404.03
Average net cost to Town monthly per case	21.26

INFIRMARY

The Infirmary is under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dowling.

We have averaged 16 inmates a month through the year at a cost of \$12.72 per week per inmate.

We wish to express our thanks to Le Club Sociale, West Street School, Pack 163 Sacred Heart Cub Scouts Den 4, Women's Club of Congregational Church, Youths of the American Council of Churches, Youths of the Baptist Church, and individuals who donated gifts to the inmates.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE E. LaRIVIERE, Chairman

OVIDE DESROSIERS, Clerk

HERMAS LIPPE, Third Member

LILIAN G. PROULX, Welfare Agt.

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report of the Highway Department for the year ended December 31, 1954.

All Catch Basins were cleaned, drainage pipes flushed, and broken pipes removed and replaced with new pipe.

The Guard Rails on various streets and roads were repaired where necessary and repainted.

The Road Oiling program was carried out with streets being treated as listed below:

Roberts Street—210 gals. MC-2 sanded and honed.

Plimpton Street—1110 gals. MC-2 sanded and honed.

Walcott Street—532 gals. MC-2 sanded and honed.

Williams Street—351 gals. MC-2 sanded and honed.

Cole Avenue—1590 gals. MC-2 sand covered.

Highland Street—1100 gals. MC-2 sand covered.

Tory Road—5850 gals. MC-2 penetration sand covered.

2345 gals. MC-3 seal sand covered.

Alpine Drive—3200 gals. MC-2 penetration sand covered.

4761 gals. MC-2 sanded and honed.

Morris Street—1260 gals MC-2 sand covered.

Town Hall Drive and Parking Area—400 gals. MC-3 sand Covered.

Cliff Street—2353 gals. MC-2 sanded and honed.

Paige Hill—2164 gals. MC-2 sanded and honed.

Twinehurst Place—400 gals. MC-2 sanded and honed.

Charlton Street—2040 gals. MC-3 sanded and honed.
 Clemence Hill—4701 gals. MC-2 sanded and Honed.
 Town Dump Road—1300 gals. MC-2 sand covered.
 Lebanon Hill—500 MC-1 penetration sand covered.
 2069 MC-2 sanded and Honed.
 1945 RC-5 with pea stone cover.
 Dennison Drive—1400 MC-1 sand covered.
 Dennison Lane—500 MC-1 penetration sand covered.
 2567 MC-2 sanded and honed.
 Chestnut Street—500 MC-1 sand covered.
 Hartwell Street—1651 RC-5 with pea stone cover.
 Durfee Street—2042 gals. MC-2 penetration sand covered.
 Dudley Road—1803 gals. MC-2 sand covered.
 Fiske Street—2037 MC-2 sanded and honed.
 Durfee Street—1803 gals. MC-2 seal sand covered.

NEW EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

1 Oliver Tractor with Front End Loader	\$ 3,460.75
1 Dodge Truck with Elgin Eductor	11,520.00
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	\$14,980.00

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Dresser Hill Road	\$ 470.56
Dudley Road	50.00
East Main Street	255.84
Hamilton Street	75.00
Mechanic Street	100.00
North Woodstock Road	700.00
Old North Woodstock Road	217.90
Worcester Street	320.70
River Road	200.00
Eastford Road	510.00
Brickyard Road	100.00
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	\$3,000.00

TOWN DUMP ACCOUNT

Caretaker's Salary	\$2,160.00
Rodent Control	900.00
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	\$3,060.00

RUBBISH COLLECTION ACCOUNT

9 Monthly Collections	\$3,495.62
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SNOW & ICE ACCOUNT

Labor	\$5,315.68
Truck Hire	517.50
Rental of Loader	90.00
Sand	950.95
Salt	1,877.29
Meals	82.15
Plowing and Sanding Blackmer Road	171.50
Plowing and Sanding Crops Road	50.00
Plowing Town Sidewalks	47.50
Gasoline	848.19
Snow Plow Repairs	3.00
Snow Fence	44.00
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	\$9,997.76

HIGHLAND STREET STORM DRAIN

Labor	\$ 232.04
12" R. C. Pipe	306.00
Brick for Catch Basins	121.50
Catch Basin Frames and Grates	112.50
Manhole Frames and Covers	72.00
Gravel	47.50
Mason Building Catch Basins and Manholes	97.40
Lumber	12.69
Rental of Backhoe	45.00
MC-2 Asphalt	74.97
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	\$1,121.60

HENRY STREET FIELD STORM DRAIN

Labor	\$ 293.80
Sewer Brick	121.50
Mason Building Catch Basins and Manholes	93.60
Steel for Grates	38.06
Lumber	10.80
Rental of Backhoe	172.50
Gravel	295.00
Square 3 Flange Frames and Grates	35.00
15" Perforated Metal Culvert	936.46
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	\$1,996.72

MOON STREET DRAIN

Labor	\$ 724.19
12" R. C. Pipe	538.56
"D" Frames and Grates	148.49

Rental of Hackhoe	277.00
Brick	138.25
Gravel	7.50
Mason Building Catch Basins	242.00
Rental of Bulldozer	36.00
Cement	50.00
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	\$2,161.99

REPAIRS TO SWIMMING POOL BRIDGE

Labor	\$ 266.25
Angle Iron	18.55
8" I Beam	73.60
2" Pipe Rail	36.25
Oak Planks	40.75
Paint	16.00
Bolts, Nuts and Washers	9.69
Wire and Switches for Welding	85.89
4" Channel Iron	15.79
Spikes	2.88
Steel	5.11
Electric Power	1.00
Bituminous Patch	77.28
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	\$ 649.04

FRANKLIN TERRACE GUARD RAIL

Labor	\$ 90.51
Triangular Guard Rail Posts	52.50
Bolts and Washers	8.78
Lumber	33.00
Paint	80.01
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	\$ 264.80

MORRIS STREET SIDEWALK

Labor	\$ 517.54
Washed Sand	12.00
Washed Gravel	21.60
Expansion Joints	7.36
Lumber	36.62
Nails80
Masonry	195.00
Concrete	224.75
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	\$1,015.67

RANDOLPH STREET BRIDGE

Labor	\$ 100.84
Butt Plates	17.96
Lumber	100.31
Gravel	3.00
Crane Rental	32.10
Concrete	61.50
Shovel Rental	96.50
Supplies	6.65
Mason Building Wing Walls	173.35
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	\$ 592.21

VINTON STREET BRIDGE

Labor	\$ 154.00
Material	9.00
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	\$ 163.00

BROOKSIDE ROAD BRIDGE

Shovel Rental	\$ 109.00
Gravel	15.00
Crane Rental	23.00
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	\$ 147.00

I wish to thank all other Departments for their co-operation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH E. BENOIT,
Highway Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

The Planning Board this year continued its work on the master plan in spite of a curtailment in last year's appropriation for this work.

Questions to the Board from the Building Inspector, the Town Engineer and the Massachusetts Department of Commerce and local builders were appropriately handled.

To help owners of corner lots in their landscaping the question of corner visibility was brought up many times to us. We referred them to the Town By-Laws on Zoning, Section 3, Part 2, Paragraph B—"Vegetation between the street lines of

intersecting streets and a circular curve about the point of intersection of the two street lines and having a radius equal to twice the setback required in that district, no vegetation other than shade trees may be maintained in any residence district above a height three (3) feet above the plane through the established grades at the street lines."

The layout of the street near the old Depot was planned and drawn but not presented to the Town Meeting by agreement of all parties. The Board accepted an invitation to be represented on the Southbridge Chamber of Commerce Industrial Development Committee.

The economic condition of the Town was reflected in our sub-division control, the Board received only one request for a sub-division conditional approval. This was granted to Louis Morin, builder, for a development off of Woodycrest Avenue consisting of ten lots and two streets, Judith Avenue and Mary Ellen Lane.

One member of the Board, Mr. Raymond Gendron, resigned to find employment outside of Southbridge, the vacancy caused by his resignation will be filled at the next Town Election.

During the past year the Town was visited by several hurricanes, the most rambunctious—Lady Edna—visited on September 11. After her departure we recognized the need for improvement to handle the flow of traffic on some of our public ways. To help in this need the Planning Board is making two recommendations and will submit two articles of the Board of Selectmen for insertion in the Warrant for the Town Meeting in March of 1955.

During hurricane "Edna" Route 131 at Joe McKay's store, was inundated and made impassable to automotive traffic. Traffic going along Ashland Avenue, westerly, was detoured at the mill up to North Woodstock Road. This section was made one way. Traffic from the opposite direction at Ashland Avenue and North Woodstock Road was detoured south along Route 93 to North Woodstock, making a detour of several miles to some Southbridge residents.

The Board will submit the following article: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the widening, relocating, straightening or reconstruction of Ashland Avenue to a two-lane road from Route 131 near the Sandersdale mill to the North Woodstock Road for the purpose of promoting the public safety and convenience or act anything thereon."

The other recommendation pertains to a bridge over Cady Brook on Randolph Street: we recommend that a bridge to handle two-way traffic plus a sidewalk be built on Randolph Street, and for this purpose will submit the following article:

"To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, bor-

row or transfer a sum of money for the construction of a two-lane bridge with sidewalk over Cady Brook on Randolph Street or act anything thereon."

The construction of this bridge will help the traffic bottleneck at Lippe's Corner, will be of convenience to delivery trucks and other house to house merchants. At the present time, should the bridge be blocked on Charlton Street at Lippe's Corner because of fire or accident it would mean traffic over Cady Brook would have to be detoured 3,800 feet up the road to Vinton Street bridge.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND A. RYAN,
JAMES J. FALLON,
WILLIAM B. O'SHAUGHNESSY,
Planning Board.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

This is my report as Inspector of Animals for the Town of Southbridge. I quarantined thirty-one dogs, inspected all barns and enumerated all neat animals for the State of Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

ALCIDE FOURNIER,
Inspector of Animals.

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF REVIEW FOR CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 9, Article 8 of the March 8, 1954 Town Report, the following is the report of the Advisory Board of Review for Classification and Compensation for the year ending December 31, 1954:

1. The Advisory Board of Review for Classification and Compensation was organized on May 11, 1954 with Ernest Farland, Chairman; Mario J. DeAngelis, Clerk, and G. W. Laugh-

nane as third member. The Board held eight (8) meetings during 1954, and reviewed eight (8) cases.

2. Section 1, Article 8 of the 1954 Town Report allows employees ten (10) paid holidays per year provided holidays fall on regular work days. Many of the town employees were given the Friday after Thanksgiving, and the Friday before Christmas off with pay. This is in violation of the policy accepted by the Town.

3. In order that a complete record of all sick leaves may be kept, heads of all departments must report to the Town Accountant all persons who take sick leave in accordance with Section 3, Article 9 of the March 8, 1954 Annual Report. At present, this procedure is not being followed.

4. The rate of pay for temporary personnel at present varies in each department. In hiring personnel for temporary work, department heads must be sure that they pay the minimum wage in the job classification for that particular position.

Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST FARLAND, Chairman
M. J. DeANGELIS, Clerk
G. W. LAUGHNANE, Member of Board

**REPORT OF THE
TRUSTEES OF JACOB EDWARDS
MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

TRUSTEES FOR THE EDWARDS BEQUEST

W. Wesley Crawford	Jacob K. Edwards
Ellsworth D. Mitchell	John O. Martin

FOR THE TOWN

Oswald J. Laliberte	Edward P. Sheehan
Dr. Nerio W. Pioppi, Chairman	

LIBRARY HOURS

Open 1955:

Monday - Friday	10:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m.
Saturday	10:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m.

Closed 1955:

January 1	New Year's Day
February 22	Washington's Birthday
May 30	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 5	Labor Day

October 12	Columbus Day
November 11	Veterans' Day
November 24	Thanksgiving Day
December 26	Christmas Day

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of the Jacob Edwards Memorial Library:

The year 1954 was seemingly uneventful but was, nevertheless, a very busy one at the library. In addition to the usual routine, however, there have been various events and activities which seem worthy of recording.

The annual summer reading club was held as usual in the library club room. The circus motif was stressed this year and clowns, high wire artists and circus animals were featured in the decorations, while the reading tally was kept by means of balloons of various colors. Games were played and the last meeting was a real party with refreshments. Mrs. Hazelton, Children's Librarian, and Miss Suzanne Lamarine had charge of the group. There were 90 children registered and an average attendance of 42.

During Book Week, about 150 new children's books were displayed. It was very gratifying to see how well they were received and the real interest that was shown. Parents as well as children came to see the exhibit and commented most favorably.

One of the highlights of the year was the presentation of about 100 records to the library. This project was carried through by a group who are particularly interested in music and who desired to have good classical records within the reach of everyone. It was decided to circulate them on a rental basis as there was no library fund available for replacement or additions. The circulation has not been large, which may be due to two reasons—lack of sufficient publicity and the fact that all the records are long-playing, for which comparatively few people have the properly equipped players. It is hoped, however, that more interest will be shown and that this fine gift will become the nucleus for an extensive, enjoyable and useful record library.

Last winter several Girl Scouts volunteered to help in the library, thereby earning credits toward merit badges. They came on Wednesday and Friday afternoons and helped with the book repairs, book processing, alphabetizing catalogue cards, shelf reading and straightening and in many ways made themselves useful.

Several changes took place among the staff personnel during the year. In February, Miss Suzanne Lamarine, who had been a part-time employee, became a member of the regular staff. She proved to be a valuable assistant and we were sorry to lose her in August when she left to plan for her college en-

trance in September. Mrs. Carmela DeAngelis took her place as circulation assistant and is still with us. We have three new part-time workers, Kathryn Hart, Joanne Houle and Sylvia Gregoire, who replaced Elizabeth Harvey, Rita Roy and Ramona DiBonaventura.

869 new adult books and 481 children's books were acquired. These include the best of the current fiction, new technical books which have brought our collections up-to-date, Atlases, a Collier's Encyclopedia, a ten-volume set of Junior Classics, and many of the outstanding juvenile books of the year. Also included in additions to the library shelves are many gifts which are always most acceptable. In 1954, 589 new borrowers were registered.

Reading trends will be shown in the following comparative table:

Comparative Table

	1953	1954
General Works	164	214
Philosophy	636	599
Religion	478	644
Sociology	1,175	1,233
Language	184	177
Science	677	866
Useful Arts	2,096	2,421
Fine Arts	1,725	2,043
Literature	1,405	1,579
History	1,306	992
Travel	1,303	1,301
Biography	1,879	2,274
Total Adult Non-Fiction	12,769	17,844
Current Periodicals	3,507	3,071
Pamphlets	279	430
Foreign Books	347	289
Total Adult Circulation	43,786	45,063
Children's Books and Magazines	28,317	31,598
Records		152
Pictures	413	389
Grand Total	72,516	77,202

It is encouraging to note the increase in the circulation figures over last year.

Again, the library staff appreciates the opportunity offered to express its thanks for the fine cooperation of the Board of Trustees during the past. As always, the staff hopes to be of the greatest possible service to the people of Southbridge.

Statistical Record

Library	Jacob Edwards Memorial Library	
Date of Founding		1871
Population served		18,000
Days open during year		304
Hours open each week		63
Number of volumes January 1, 1954		37,081
Number of volumes added		1,350
New	1,310	} Including 157 books by gift and transfer from rental collection
Replaced	40	
Number of volumes discarded and lost		785
Number of volumes December 31, 1954		37,646
Number of registered borrowers		4,880
Number of volumes lent for home use		77,202
Largest circulation for one day		453
Smallest circulation for one day		62
Average circulation per day		250

Library Staff

Acting Librarian	Hilda Heather
Children's Librarian	Mary Hazelton
General Assistant	Gladys Hobson
Circulation Librarian	
	{ Suzanne Lamarine
	{ Carmela DeAngelis
Janitor	Joseph Lataille

Part-Time Staff

Marilyn Anderson	Sylvia Gregoire
Kathryn Hart	Elizabeth Harvey
Viola Michael	Rita Roy
Barbara St. Martin	Helen Rowley

Respectfully submitted,
HILDA T. HEATHER,
Acting Librarian.

1954 RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Cash Balance, January 1, 1954 \$ 839.15

Receipts:

Town Appropriation—Regular	18,605.00
Town Appropriation—Special	1,000.00
Mynott Fund Interest	30.00
Trustees of Edwards Trust Funds	7,133.13
Rental of Records	19.88

\$27,627.16

Expenditures:

Payroll		\$13,998.29
Building Expenses		2,284.57
Operating Expenses		787.14
Building Maintenance		1,386.41
Grounds Maintenance		453.06
Books and Periodicals		3,585.49
Book Repairs		187.41
Equipment		3.75
Total Expenses		<u>\$22,686.12</u>
Transfer to E&D	\$ 101.76	
Transfer to Reserve for Building Repairs & Im- provements	<u>3,500.00</u>	
		<u>3,601.76</u>
Total		<u>\$26,287.88</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 1954		<u>\$ 1,339.28</u>
Represented by:		
Trustee Cash	\$1,297.75	
Mynott Fund Interest	24.13	
Pilsudski Fund Interest	4.44	
Special Account	12.96	
	<u>\$1,339.28</u>	
		<u><u>\$1,339.28</u></u>

**RESERVE FOR
BUILDING REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS**

Balance January 1, 1954	\$ 9,203.22
Add:	
Interest	278.14
Transfer	3,500.00
	<u>\$12,981.36</u>

PILSUDSKI BOOK CLUB FUND

Balance, January 1, 1954	\$ 203.27
Add:	
Interest	5.63
	<u>\$ 208.90</u>

The following tabulation indicates the proportion of the cost of the Library borne by the taxpayers of the Town of Southbridge:

Expenses paid by the Town:	1954		1955	
	Budget	%	Expenditures	Budget
Appropriation — Regular	\$18,605.00		\$18,503.24	\$19,340.00
Appropriation — Special	1,000.00		987.04	1,000.00
	<u>\$19,605.00</u>	76.5	<u>\$19,490.28</u>	<u>\$20,340.00</u>
			85.9	75.8
Expenses paid by Trust Funds:				
Edwards Trust	6,020.00	23.5	3,144.58	6,490.00
Mynott Fund			51.26	
	<u>\$25,625.00</u>	100.0	<u>\$22,686.12</u>	<u>\$26,830.00</u>
			100.0	100.0

If the amount collected by the Library and turned in to the Town Treasurer, \$1,156.37, is taken into consideration, the net cost to the taxpayers for 1954 is \$18,333.91, or 80.8% of the total cost for the year.

Attention is called to the estimated contribution for 1955 of \$6,490.00 from Trust Funds. On this basis the Town cost will be only 75.8% of the total budget including the special appropriation of \$1,000.00.

In the interest of the public the Trustees urgently recommend that the facilities of the Library be expanded through the addition of a building to be used as a Children's Library. Trustees appeared before the Southbridge Improvement Committee in 1947 and \$48,500.00 was set up as a capital outlay for 1948 — all or part of this amount to be raised by a bond issue. This recommendation was included in the warrant for 1948 and 1949, but it was turned down by the Finance Committee and the voters.

Again it is stressed that this needed Children's Library will not only develop reading habits for children, but will make available for adults the present facilities under more satisfactory conditions.

Approved by Trustees, The Jacob Edwards
Memorial Library,

NERIO W. PIOppi, Chairman,
W. WESLEY CRAWFORD,
JACOB K. EDWARDS,
OSWALD J. LALIBERTE,
JOHN O. MARTIN,
E. D. MITCHELL,
EDWARD P. SHEEHAN.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

I wish to submit the following report as Collector for Southbridge from January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954.

Taxes: Levy of 1951

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954	\$	11.24
Collected	\$	11.24

Taxes: Levy of 1952

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954	\$	3,273.88
Payments to Treasurer	\$	3,183.96
Tax Title	89.92	\$ 3,273.88

Taxes: Levy of 1953

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954	\$	29,921.84
Payments to Treasurer	\$	27,495.00
Tax Title	160.33	
Abated	262.35	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954	2,110.16	
	\$ 30,027.84	
Refunds	\$ 106.00	
		\$ 29,921.84

Taxes: Levy of 1954

Commitments from Assessors, Jan. 1, 1954	\$	984,778.49
Payments to Treasurer	\$	930,675.50
Tax Title	254.11	
Abated	14,461.73	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954	40,363.65	
Refunds	\$ 976.40	
		\$ 984,778.49

Ambulance Department:

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954	\$ 647.50	
Commitments from Fire Dept.	2,515.00	
		\$ 3,162.50
Payments to Treasurer	2,083.00	
Abated	226.50	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954	901.11	
		\$ 48.00
Refunds		\$ 3,162.50

School Department:

Commitments from School Dept.		\$ 32,214.27
Abated .....	.40	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954	837.28	
Payments to Treasurer	31,376.59	
		\$ 32,214.27

Selectmen:

Commitment per Warrants from Selectmen		\$ 1,850.00
Payments to Treasurer		1,850.00

Board of Health:

Commitment from Board of Health		\$ 1,708.13
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 1,681.70	
Abated	26.43	
		\$ 1,708.13

Airport:

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954	\$ 2,650.00	
Payments to Treasurer	600.00	
		\$ 2,050.00

Sewer Assessments:**Levy of 1953**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954	\$	161.44
Payments to Treasurer		161.44

Sewer Assessment Interest:**Levy of 1953**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954	\$	6.05
Payments to Treasurer		6.05

Excise Taxes:**Levy of 1952**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954	\$	60.31
Payments to Treasurer	\$	43.60
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954		16.71

Excise Taxes:**Levy of 1953**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954	\$	13,144.91
Commitments from		
Assessors	38,513.25	\$ 51,658.16
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 47,541.17	
Abated	2,799.95	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954	1,715.47	
Refunds	\$ 398.43	\$ 51,658.16

Excise Taxes:**Levy of 1954**

Commitments from		
Assessors		\$ 130,413.21
Payments to Treasurer	\$111,724.25	
Abated	5,898.08	

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954	14,236.64		
Refunds		\$1,445.76	
			\$ 130,413.21

Public Welfare Dept.:

General Relief			
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954	\$ 219.00		
Commitments	3,119.43		\$ 3,338.43
Payments to Treasurer	195.00		
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954	3,143.43		
			\$ 3,338.43

Old Age:

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954	\$ 582.14		
Commitments	1,392.05		\$ 1,974.19
Payments to Treasurer	1,585.08		
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954	389.11		
			\$ 1,974.19

Interests Costs and Fees:

Real Estate Interest, 1951	\$ 1.40
Personal Interest, 1952	3.24
Real Estate Interest, 1953	141.02
Excise Interest, 1953	149.95
Poll Interest, 1953 .....	.05
Personal Interest, 1953	71.50
Real Estate Interest, 1953	545.95
Personal Interest, 1954	17.25
Real Estate Interest, 1954	10.06
Added Interest on	
Sewers, 1953	3.22
Personal Fees, 1952	1.20
Real Estate Fees, 1952	3.15
Personal Fees, 1953	18.85

Real Estate Fees, 1953	48.55	
Poll Fees, 1954	136.50	
Personal Fees, 1954	12.05	
Real Estate Fees, 195435	
Excise Fees, 1953	27.67	
Excise Fees, 1954	101.15	
		\$ 1,293.11
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Grand Total Collected During 1954		\$1,160,213.58

I wish to thank the townspeople and various town officials for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
ELIZABETH M. DUHAMEL,
Town Collector.

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen.

Gentlemen:

The following is our annual report on Recreation in the Town of Southbridge. It is submitted by the Chairman of each recreational area for the sake of clarity.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK P. SKINYON,
General Chairman Recreational Committee

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ALUMNI FIELD

Report to the General Chairman of the
Recreation Committee.

Dear Sir:

Alumni Field was used on an alternate week schedule by Mary E. Wells and Cole Trade High Schools, each school using the field four days on their scheduled week. Notre Dame High School used the field for half of their practice periods and for some of their games. It was used by the Parochial League consisting of 3 teams for practice and games.

The Grade School tournament, under the supervision of Dr. Lewis Kyrios, consisting of 4 teams in each sport used it for baseball and football.

The area was used for early season practice for Little Big-

ger League players. It was planned to move the softball area this year but increased activity of the area, the general re-conditioning of the entire field prohibited this.

The Community Soft Ball League used the field one night a week throughout the summer and the Industrial Soft Ball League used it one night each week for the same period of time. The area was used again this year for the gala Hal-lowe'en celebration which is conducted annually under the supervision of Chief of Police Ovide Desrosier.

The baseball diamond was raised to its proper playing grade with 27 cubic yards of loam early in the spring, a new batting cage was constructed, one of the dugouts was extensively repaired and center field and right field area were increased about 20 feet more by fill brought in from town road construction jobs.

The field was in good playing condition at all times throughout the summer when it was needed.

Respectfully submitted,

LORENZO BEAUPRE, Chairman
LEWIS KYRIOS
RAYMOND DARTT

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REPORT OF DRESSER STREET FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE

To the General Chairman of the Recreation Committee:

Dresser Street Field opened about the first of April this year and was quickly brought into condition for the beginning of the Summer Program of Recreation. Mary E. Wells and Cole Trade High Schools used the field on an alternate week schedule for practice and scheduled games. Notre Dame used the field for some of their teams practice and for some of their games, they also used the field several Saturday mornings.

The field was in use every school day in the afternoon by some school team from the middle of May until the end of June.

The diamond will be used by three varsity school teams in the future during the week day afternoons. There is room from greater use of the big diamond mornings, Saturdays and Sundays.

Track

The track was used for Mary E. Wells track events as were the broad jump pit, the shot put court and the high jump area in the spring. In the fall the field was used both by Mary E. Wells and Cole Trade High School for practice and for conducting their cross county events. There were five track meets held last year and two cross county events.

Tennis

The tennis courts were used on a strictly recreational basis throughout the summer. The courts were used extensively by the Mary E. Wells for instruction in tennis.

Basketball

The regular schedule of the night basketball league was conducted again this year. This league consists of about 48 games which start at about 7:30 P. M. and under lights close about 10:00 P.M. The basketball court is in continual use from the time the field opens in the morning until it closes at night every day.

Little League

Little League was conducted for the fourth year playing about 48 games in its regular schedule. Little Bigger League finished its second successful year at the field this year. They played a complete schedule of about 36 games which start at about 6:00 P. M. and finish about 7:45 P. M.

General

The field was used for all sorts of purposes of a recreational or athletic nature. The Central Massachusetts Musicians put on their second annual musicale during the year; the Wells cheering squad used it for their practice area, various town athletes used it for conditioning purposes, horse-shoes, ping pong and running were in progress most of the time.

Maintenance

Over 75 cubic yards of loam were spread and rolled to bring the big diamond into good playing condition and back to its proper level. This must be done periodically, a new hot water heater was installed during the year, the bleachers and entire grand stand were repainted and the dugouts were repaired, resealed on cement and painted.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH E. DUFFY, Chairman
ALFRED FERRON
LOUIS VAN DERNOOT
JAMES VECCHIA
HORMIDAS BEAUDRY
SAMUEL SOTIR

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HENRY STREET FIELD

Report to the General Chairman of the
Recreation Committee.

Dear Sir:

Henry Street Field recreation area was supervised daily from 3:00 P. M. until 9:00 P. M. from about the first of May to the middle of October.

Approximately 115 softball games were played on the field with about 160 players participating and 100 to 400 spectators at each game.

The softball diamond was also used extensively by boys 8 to 18 years of age throughout the day from June to September.

Volley Ball

The volley ball court was used every night by children and grownups also from 6:00 o'clock to 9:00 P. M.

Basketball

The two basketball baskets were used every night by 10 to 20 boys. The horseshoe courts were in constant use, and the two ping pong tables were busy from morning until dark every day.

A large sand box, 12 swings, quoits and playground balls of different kinds which are available at the area afforded the children of the area thousands of hours of recreation throughout the summer. There is now at the field an area where about 200 cars can be parked without driving on any part of the playing area.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS E. BRUNELLE, Chairman
JAMES LAPRIORE
EDGAR McCANN

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SWIMMING POOL REPORT

Mr. Willard Stark, Chairman
Swimming Pool Committee
Southbridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Stark:

At your request, I am submitting my sixth annual report on the activities of the swimming pool for 1954.

Attendance

From June 19 to September 6, a total of 22,500 persons used the pool's facilities; 2,700 June, 14,800 July, 6,500 August, 500 September. Average daily attendance—281.

Rescues

Ten children, suffering in varying degrees from cramps, exhaustion and panic were helped to shore by the lifeguards during the swimming season. Many of these cases could have been much more serious had it not been for the efficient supervision of the lifeguard staff.

Instruction

The Red Cross Swimming Program, under the direction of Mrs. Helen Duquette, continued its fine work started a few years ago. Over 150 children were given instructions in swimming and lifesaving during the regular morning classes. As remarked in last year's report, such formal programs, together with the daily informal instruction given by members of the staff, will do much to develop stronger and more skillful swimmers in Southbridge.

Health & Safety

A continuous flow of city water and chlorination provided the chief safeguards against bacterial growth during the swimming season. These are perhaps the most efficient means of control we have under present conditions.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you and your committee for the splendid cooperation we received from you during the swimming season. It will be a pleasure to work with men who show unselfish devotion to the cause of recreation in our town.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD DESROCHES,
Swimming Pool Supervisor

REPORT OF BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Board of Selectmen
Southbridge, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs:

The By-Laws Committee appointed by your Board wish to make a report on our progress as follows: Herewith we tender copies of the proposed by-laws.

We have sent a copy to the assistant attorney general for his comment and signature. We are also giving copies to various town officials including the Police Chief and Fire Chief as well as all the attorneys in town.

We have also made copies available to various companies and people in the trades. There will be a limited number of copies available in the Town Clerk's office for those who may request them.

We hope to be able to have at least a public hearing for further discussion.

From our appropriation we have spent approximately \$119.67 and cannot determine how much will be required for printing and other expenses at this time.

Respectfully yours,
BY-LAWS COMMITTEE
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE
O. J. LALIBERTE, Chairman

THIRTY-NINTH REPORT
of the
TOWN ACCOUNTANT
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE
for the year ending
DECEMBER 31, 1954
LEON CARON, *Town Accountant*

REVENUE — 1954

General Revenue

Taxes:

Current Year:

Poll	\$ 9,314.00	
Personal	156,192.59	
Real Estate	765,152.38	
Motor Vehicle Excise	111,725.30	\$1,042,384.27

Previous Years:

Poll	\$ 4.00	
Personal	4,219.80	
Real Estate	26,466.40	
Motor Vehicle Excise	47,583.46	78,273.66

From State:

Business-Corporation Tax	\$ 97,943.58	
Income Tax	58,548.97	
School Aid According to Chapter 70	70,000.00	
Meal Tax—O.A.A.	6,334.07	232,826.62

Licenses and Permits:

Licenses:

Liquor	\$ 14,606.50
Hawkers, Pedlars & Junk	242.00
Sunday Store	138.00
Common Victuallers and Innholders	162.00
Pool, Billiard and Bowling	54.00

Milk and Oleo	71.00	
Auto Dealers	72.00	
Auctioneers	10.00	
Taxis and Drivers	98.00	
Firearms	56.00	
All Other	1,104.00	16,613.50

Permits:

Garage	\$ 25.00	
Gasoline & Motor Oil	25.00	
Kerosene & Fuel Oil	2.00	
All Other	86.00	138.00

Fines and Forfeitures:

Court Fines		1,021.00
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Grants and Gifts:

County—Dog Licenses		2,132.93
From State:		
English Speaking Class \$	398.00	
Vocational Education	35,648.09	
Smith-Hughes Fund	1,412.41	37,458.50

Highway Aid:

State and County—		
Chapter 90		
Contract #14252—		
County	\$ 941.20	
Contract #15434—		
County	4,900.50	
Contract #15114—		
County	1,000.00	
Contract #14252—		
State	1,882.39	8,724.09

Federal Grants and Gifts:

Aid to Dependent Children:

Salaries and Admin. \$	978.78	
Expense	19,558.87	20,537.65

Old Age Assistance:

Salaries and Admin. \$	6,452.12	
Expense	110,947.17	117,399.29

Disability Assistance:			
Salaries and Admin.	\$	599.87	
Expense		7,663.60	8,263.47
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Other Revenue:			
Tax Titles Sales and Redemption			268.43
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Total General Revenue			\$1,566,041.41

Commercial Revenue

Departmental:

General Government:			
Town Clerk	\$	50.00	
Selectmen		1,927.61	
Town Hall		177.46	2,155.07
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Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police	\$	452.40	
Fire:			
Sale of Old Materials		164.45	
All Other		4.00	620.85
Sealer of Weights and Measures:			
Sealing Fees			278.00
Ambulance Fees			2,083.00
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Health and Sanitation:			
Tuberculosis			1,681.70
Highways:			
Equipment Rental			126.00

Public Welfare & Veteran Benefits:

Temporary Aid:			
From State	\$	3,119.43	
From Cities and Towns		179.00	
From Individuals		31.00	3,329.43
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Aid to Dependent Children:			
From State	\$	12,107.18	
From Individuals		650.00	12,757.18
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Old Age Assistance:			
From State	\$ 79,466.70		
From Cities and Towns	1,585.42	81,052.12	
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Disability Assistance:			
From State		5,466.49	
Infirmary:			
Reimbursements		1,086.15	
Veteran Benefits:			
From State		16,344.01	120,035.38
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Schools and Library:

Schools:			
Other Tuition	\$ 33,468.17		
Sale of Books & Supplies75		
All Other	369.75	33,838.67	
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Library:			
Fines and Sales		1,129.11	34,967.78
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Unclassified:

Depot Rent	\$ 300.00		
Dresser Field	2.00		
Swimming Pool	1.00		
Insurance	399.16		
Parking Meter Receipts	18,284.40		
Airport Rental	600.00		
State:			
Hurricane #1—			
Chapter 689	1,762.05	21,348.61	21,348.61
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Total Departmental Revenue		\$ 183,296.39	

Oak Ridge Cemetery:

Sale of Lots and Graves	\$ 1,395.00		
Graves Opened	1,040.00	2,435.00	
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Special Assessments:

Sewers Unapportioned \$	94.56
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Sewers Added to Taxes	161.44	256.00	
Sidewalks		<u>423.89</u>	679.89

Interest:

On Deferred Taxes	\$ 838.67		
On Special Assessments	18.81		
Town Clerk's Fees	2,844.70		
Tax Collector's Fees	492.75		
On Motor Vehicle Excise	36.48		
On Tax Titles Redeemed	17.08	4,248.49	

On Trust and Investment Funds:

Adah Stedman Fund	30.00		
Ella Cole Fund	88.75		
Mabel Murphy Fund	60.00		
Mary Mynott Fund	30.00		
On Cemetery Funds	2,974.76	3,183.51	7,432.00

Municipal Indebtedness:

Temporary Loans:			
Anticipation of Revenue			450,000.00

Agency, Trust and Investment:

Agency:

Dog Lic.—Due County \$	1,992.40		
Fed. Withholding Tax	91,501.80		
Blue Cross	8,639.85		
Deposits on Plans & Bids	11,160.00		
School Lunch Program	24,478.46		
School Athletic Fund	3,660.13	141,432.64	

Trust and Investment:

Perpetual Care	\$ 1,430.00		
Investment	3,375.00	4,805.00	146,237.64

Refunds:

Motor Vehicle Excise \$	27.59		
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A.D.C. Expense	217.60	
Planning Board (1953)	3.80	
Veteran Benefits Exp.	790.76	
General Relief Exp.	135.00	
School Athletic Fund	20.00	
O.A.A. Expense	303.10	
O.A.A. Fed. Grant Expense	943.15	
Disability Assist. Exp.	30.35	
Elec. and Reg. Exp.	5.75	
Tax Collector Expense	4.00	
Dresser Field—Maint. & Improvement	1.50	
Highway—Labor	7.80	
Selectmen Expense	7.98	
Town Hall Expense ....	.59	
School Salary	18.15	
School Expense	51.61	
O.A.A. Fed. Grant Administration	4.20	
Library Expense	3.00	
A.D.C. Fed. Grant Expense	60.30	
Tax Collector Salary	8.00	
Henry St. Field Exp.	2.60	
Treasurer Salary	6.00	
School Lunch Program	75.54	
Road Machinery Maint.	22.00	
Insurance	197.08	2,947.45

Total Revenue for 1954	\$2,359,069.78
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Cash on Hand January 1, 1954	366,283.21
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	\$2,725,352.99
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EXPENDITURES — 1954

General Government

Moderator:

Salary	\$	100.00
Finance Committee		22.78

Selectmen:

Salaries and Wages:

Chairman	\$	550.00
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2 Members	900.00		
Clerk	2,619.88		
Assistant Clerk	265.38	4,335.26	

Other Expenses:

Supplies, Stationery and Postage	\$ 189.36		
Printing and Adv.	148.57		
Telephone	159.15		
Equipment & Mainten.	18.00		
All Other	272.64	787.72	5,122.98

Accountant:

Salaries and Wages:

Accountant	\$ 3,700.00		
Clerk	1,716.00		
Extra Clerical	199.58	5,615.58	

Other Expenses:

Stationery, Supplies and Postage	\$ 157.89		
Printing and Adv.	54.33		
Telephone	9.25		
Equipment & Mainten.	187.16		
Travel, Dues and All Other	67.60	476.23	6,091.81

Treasurer:

Salaries and Wages:

Treasurer	\$ 2,400.00		
Clerk	2,200.00		
Extra Clerical	1,031.00	5,631.00	

Other Expenses:

Stationery & Postage \$	285.94		
Printing and Adv.	143.57		
Equipment & Mainten.	603.50		
Telephone	170.70		
Surety Bond	289.00		
Dues, Travel and All Other	131.65	1,624.36	7,255.36

Tax Collector:

Salaries and Wages:

Collector	\$ 3,650.00		
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Clerk	2,100.00		
Extra Clerical	750.00	6,500.00	
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Other Expenses:			
Special Collectors	\$ 28.30		
Stationery & Postage	1,250.02		
Printing and Adv.	305.42		
Telephone	140.40		
Surety Bond	427.25		
Equipment & Mainten.	77.59		
Travel, Dues and All			
Other	70.94	2,299.92	8,799.92
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Town Collector:

Salaries and Wages:			
Collector	\$ 250.00		
Extra Clerical	300.00	550.00	
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Other Expenses:			
Supplies, Stationery			
and Postage		17.92	567.92
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Assessors:

Salaries and Wages:			
Assessors—2 Members \$	1,200.00		
Clerk of Board	3,700.00		
Clerk	2,100.00		
Extra Clerical	100.00	7,100.00	
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Other Expenses:			
Stationery, Supplies			
and Postage	\$ 794.90		
Printing and Adv.	18.53		
Telephone	128.40		
Equipment & Mainten.	122.23		
Dues and All Other	26.00	1,090.06	
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Travel		324.81	8,514.87
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Law:

Salaries and Wages:			
Town Counsel		2,300.00	
Other Expenses:			
Stationery & Postage \$	23.31		

Printing and Adv.	9.50		
Telephone	14.78		
Recording Fees	15.65		
Legal Services	2.00		
Travel, Dues and All			
Other	233.70	298.94	2,598.94
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Town Clerk:

Town Clerk	\$ 4,250.00		
Clerk	2,100.00		
Extra Clerical	219.76	6,569.76	
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Other Expenses:

Stationery & Postage \$	172.10		
Printing and Adv.	176.51		
Telephone	204.85		
Surety Bond	15.00		
Equipment & Mainten.	215.30		
Travel, Dues and All			
Other	149.06	932.82	7,502.58
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Election and Registration:

Salaries and Wages:

Registrars	\$ 300.00		
Clerk of Board	250.00	550.00	
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Election Expense:

Election Officers	\$ 3,831.93		
Clerical Services	520.55		
Stationery, Supplies			
and Postage	331.65		
Printing and Adv.	845.50		
Meals	76.36		
Carfares, Auto Hire, etc.	8.92		
All Other	42.98		
Equipment & Mainten.	182.50	5,840.39	
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Relisting Expense:

Clerical Services	\$ 1,155.01		
Supplies & Postage	125.48		
Printing	540.80		
Travel	16.63		
Advertising	5.94	1,843.86	8,234.25
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Engineering:**Salaries and Wages:**

Engineer	\$ 5,650.00		
Assistant Engineer	4,450.29		
Clerk and Helpers	6,156.70	16,256.99	

Office Expense:

Postage, Printing Stationery and Supplies \$	328.69		
Equipment & Mainten.	35.00		
Telephone	169.50	533.19	

Field Expense:

Materials and Supplies \$	85.48		
Travel and Mileage	1,367.32	1,452.80	18,242.98

Town Hall:**Salaries and Wages:**

Janitor		2,950.00	
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Other Expenses:

Fuel	\$ 2,606.05		
Light	826.19		
Janitor's Supplies	262.30		
Building and Boiler			
Repairs	920.54		
Telephone	66.18		
Water and All Other	856.16	5,537.42	8,487.42

Retirement Board:

Administration			1,090.00
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By-Laws Revision:

Clerical Services			30.32
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Planning Board:

Office Supplies	\$ 120.28		
Travel	182.09		
All Other	347.55	649.92	649.92

Total General Government \$ 83,312.05

Protection of Persons and Property

Police Department:

Salaries and Wages:

Chief	\$ 4,695.60	
Deputy Chief	4,255.55	
Sergeant	3,066.00	
Fingerprint and Identification Officer	4,001.05	
Patrolmen	73,719.50	
Lock Up Keeper	2,422.75	
Special Police Matrons and Doctors	4,751.60	96,912.05

Equipment and Maintenance:

Motor Equipment	\$ 731.94	
Gasoline, Oil, Etc.	2,065.83	
Radio Equipment and Maintenance	1,043.64	
Officers Equipment	345.20	4,186.61

Fuel and Light:

Fuel	\$ 561.16	
Light	688.89	1,250.05

Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:

Repairs	\$ 500.00	
Janitor's Supplies	431.84	
Water and All Other	65.36	997.20

Other Expenses:

Supplies, Printing, Stationery and Postage	\$ 447.97	
Telephone	2,551.21	
Photo and Fingerprint Supplies	149.14	
Dues and All Other	109.00	3,257.32

Prisoners' Expenses:

Doctors, Matrons and Guards	\$ 5.00	
Board and Care Private Institutions	195.65	
Officers' Expense	125.81	326.46

New Cruiser		1,988.25	
School Safety Patrol			
Supplies		351.61	
Auxiliary Police		95.99	
Parking Meter Division:			
Salaries	\$ 8,766.00		
Expense	2,699.91	11,465.91	120,831.45

Fire Department:

Salaries and Wages:

Chief	\$ 4,500.08		
Assistant Chief	4,300.00		
Captain & Lieutenant	7,908.74		
Permanent Firemen	60,179.60		
Call Firemen	6,697.90		
Supt. of Alarm	350.00	83,936.32	

New Underground Cables and Fire Alarm Boxes		2,847.37	
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New Pumper		19,483.75	
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Liquid Foam		252.95	
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Out of State Travel		55.80	
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Equipment and Maintenance:

Apparatus Repairs	\$ 605.51		
Equipment for Men	317.16		
Apparatus Accessories and Materials and Supplies	484.23		
Radio Equipment and Maintenance	319.30		
Repairs and Parts	5.28		
Gasoline and Oil	343.30		
Alarm Boxes, Etc.	525.27		
Shop Equipment and Maintenance	27.28		
All Other	3.00	2,630.33	

Hydrant Service		20,897.50	
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Fuel and Light:

Fuel	\$ 1,181.34		
Light	310.98	1,492.32	

Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:

Repairs	\$ 266.22		
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Furniture and Furnishings	215.97		
Laundry	63.97		
Janitor's Supplies and Water	276.45	822.61	
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Other Expenses:			
Stationery & Postage \$	56.71		
Telephone	367.65		
Office Equipment and Maintenance	12.10		
Food for Men at Fires	30.87		
Mileage, Travel and All Other	300.97	768.30	133,187.25
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Forest Fires:

Salaries and Wages:			
Warden		200.00	
Other Expenses:			
Fighting Fires	\$ 105.50		
Radio Maintenance	157.75		
Repairs, Parts, Gasoline and Oil	271.72		
Materials and Supplies	216.57		
New Hose	436.25	1,187.79	1,387.79
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Planting and Trimming Trees

Salaries and Wages:			
Superintendent	\$ 623.38		
Labor	2,365.06	2,988.44	
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Other Expenses:			
Hardware and Tools	\$ 125.62		
Equipment Hire	1,611.73		
Cutting Tree in Front of Hospital Spa	105.00		
All Other	36.87	1,879.22	4,867.66
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Moth Extermination:

Salaries and Wages:			
Superintendent	\$ 25.27		
Labor	19.38	44.65	
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Other Expenses:			
Truck Hire	\$	318.25	
Insecticide		37.10	355.35
			400.00

Dutch Elm Disease:

Salaries and Wages:			
Superintendent	\$	153.35	
Labor		568.15	721.50

Other Expenses:			
Telephone	\$	1.42	
Insecticide		514.25	
Hardware and Tools		31.08	
Equipment Hire		2,231.75	2,778.50
			3,500.00

Building Inspector:

Salaries and Wages:			
Salary			700.00

Other Expenses:			
Telephone, Materials and Supplies	\$	58.00	
Mileage and Travel		92.00	150.00
			850.00

Wire Inspector:

Salaries and Wages			
			800.00

Other Expenses:			
Telephone, Materials and Supplies	\$	44.15	
Equipment and Maintenance		6.25	
Mileage, Travel and All Other		99.00	149.40
			949.40

Sealer Weights and Measures:

Salaries and Wages:			
Sealer			1,500.00

Other Expenses:			
Office Supplies	\$	21.33	
Printing and Adv.		43.75	
Travel		300.00	
Equipment and Maintenance		31.60	396.68
			1,896.68

Ambulance:

Laundry Equipment and Maintenance	\$	190.56		
Gasoline, Oil, Etc. Auto Maintenance Expense		1,082.16		
Materials and Supplies		77.45		
Mobile Radio Drivers Expense		320.40	1,670.57	1,670.57

Dog Officer:

Salary			250.00	
Other Expenses:				
Dogs Boarded	\$	387.00		
Dogs Destroyed		108.00	495.00	745.00

Street Lighting:

Street Lights				21,623.40
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Animal Inspector:

Salary			300.00	
Other Expenses:				
Mileage and Travel			75.00	375.00

Total Protection of Persons and Property \$ 292,284.20

Health and Sanitation**Salaries and Wages:**

Board Members	\$	330.00		
Agent		700.00		
Board Physician		330.00		
Parochial School M.D.		769.92		
Podiatrist		250.00		
Nurse		2,949.92		
Clerk Hire		299.25		
Dental Clinic		700.00		
Plumbing Inspector ...		2,149.96		
Food Inspector		100.00		
Milk Inspector		166.66		
Slaughtering Inspector		400.00		
Sanitary Inspector		500.00	9,645.71	

Travel:

Agent	\$	63.54		
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Nurse	149.30		
Plumbing Inspector	154.14		
Slaughtering Inspector	19.50	386.48	
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Premature Births			332.50
Garbage Collection			8,998.00
Other Expenses:			
Dental Clinic	\$ 121.81		
Laboratory	2.00		
Office Expense	322.01		
School Medical Supplies	9.12	454.94	
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Vital Statistics:			
Births	\$ 125.00		
Deaths	40.25	165.25	
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T. B. and Contagious Diseases:			
Worcester County San.	\$ 1,872.00		
Harrington Memorial Hospital	56.50		
Belmont Hospital	226.94		
Medical Supplies	17.73		
Misc. Expense	5.23	2,178.40	22,161.28
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Sewer:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Commissioners	\$ 450.00		
Caretakers	5,530.00		
Labor	450.00	6,430.00	
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Administrative Expenses:			
Stationery, Printing and Postage	\$ 6.00		
Telephone and All Other	176.55	182.55	
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General Expenses:			
Insurance, Registration & Repairs of Truck	\$ 43.25		
Tools and Equipment	233.57		
Gasoline and Oil	146.41		
Materials, Supplies and All Other	12.55		
Manhole Covers	423.75		

Advertising and Lighting	38.26	897.79	
Repair Manhole Covers— Special Account		696.00	8,206.34
Total Health and Sanitation		\$	30,367.62

Highways, Snow and Ice, Dump, Rubbish Collection and Chap. 90

General Administration:

Salaries and Wages: Superintendent		4,100.00	
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Other Expenses:

Stationery, Supplies and Postage	\$ 128.65		
Telephone	292.33		
Equipment and Maintenance and All Other	39.80	460.78	

General Maintenance:

Timekeeper Clerk	\$ 3,570.70		
Labor	36,484.84		
Equipment Rental	101.50		
Equipment & Repairs	1,764.98		
Broken Stone, Gravel and Other Surfacing	4,524.84		
Other Materials and Supplies	1,079.28		
All Other	334.56	47,860.70	

Oil and Sand for Roads			9,968.61
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Automotive Equipment: Maintenance & Repairs			67.24
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Building and Grounds:

Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 243.40		
Fuel, Light and Water	1,068.32		
Equipment and Maintenance	14.90		
All Other	104.96	1,431.58	

New Road Machinery:

Tractor With Front End Loader	\$ 3,460.75		
Catch Basin Cleaner	11,520.00	14,980.75	

Other Expenses:			
Mobile Radio	\$ 163.60		
All Other	69.36	232.96	79,102.62
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Road Machinery			
Maintenance:			
Equipment, Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 4,973.26		
Gas, Oil, Etc.	4,341.91		
Tires and Tubes	628.72		
All Other	78.04	10,021.93	
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Town Dump:			
Salary	\$ 2,160.00		
Rodent Control	900.00	3,060.00	
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Rubbish Collection:			
Contract		3,495.62	
Snow and Ice Removal:			
Labor	\$ 5,315.68		
Tools and Equipment	3.00		
Gasoline and Oil	848.19		
Snow Fences	44.00		
Salt, Sand and Gravel	2,238.16		
All Other	590.08		
Laborers' Meals	82.60		
Truck Hire	517.50		
Country Roads Shovel Rental	360.50	9,999.71	26,577.26
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Chapter 90 Maintenance

State and County Aid:

Dresser Hill Road:			
Labor	\$ 250.00		
Materials & Supplies	220.56	470.56	
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Dudley Road:			
Labor		50.00	
East Main Street:			
Labor		255.84	
Hamilton Street:			
Labor		75.00	
Mechanic Street:			
Labor		100.00	

North Woodstock Road:		
Labor	700.00	
Old North Woodstock Road:		
Labor	217.90	
Brickyard Road:		
Labor	100.00	
Eastford Road:		
Labor	\$ 250.00	
Materials & Supplies	260.00	510.00
River Street:		
Labor	200.00	
Worcester Street:		
Labor	320.70	3,000.00
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Total Highways, Snow and Ice, Dump, Rubbish Collection and Chapter 90	\$	108,679.88

Charities and Veteran Benefits

General Relief:

Salaries and Wages:

Board	\$ 1,200.00	
Supervisor	340.00	
Clerks	1,000.00	
Social Workers	780.35	3,320.35

General Administration:

Stationery, Supplies and Postage	\$ 12.92	
Telephone	33.35	
Mileage and Travel	98.59	144.86

Other Expenses:

Groceries and Provisions	\$ 12,562.06	
Fuel	2,182.00	

Medicine and Medical

Attention	2,733.82	
Hospital Care	6,224.93	
Rent	3,120.06	
Clothing	593.66	
Cash Grants	4,641.96	
Board and Care	4,383.16	
Household Furniture and Moving	48.00	

Burials	300.00		
All Other	405.14	37,194.79	
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Relief By Other Cities and Towns:			
Cities	\$ 1,258.83		
Towns	1,202.03	2,460.86	
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Truck Expense:			
Gasoline, Oil, Etc.	\$ 203.49		
Equipment and Maintenance	127.39	330.88	43,451.74
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**Aid To Dependent Children:
Town Appropriation—**

Salaries and Wages:			
Supervisor	\$ 400.00		
Social Workers	520.24		
Clerks	442.95	1,363.19	
Relief Expenses:			
Cash Grants		25,215.99	26,579.18
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**Aid To Dependent Children:
Federal Grant—**

Salaries and Wages:			
Board	\$ 200.00		
Supervisor	100.00		
Clerks	206.05	506.05	
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Administrative Expense:			
Stationery, Supplies and Postage	\$ 17.01		
Telephone	71.20		
Mileage, Travel	61.10		
Dues and All Other	210.00	359.31	
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Relief Expense:			
Cash Grants		16,823.10	17,638.46
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**Old Age Assistance:
Town Appropriation—**

Salaries and Wages:	
Supervisor	\$ 2,200.00

Social Workers	2,858.32		
Clerks	1,970.00	7,028.32	
Relief Expense:			
Cash Grants	\$115,176.60		
Cities and Towns	206.76	115,383.36	122,411.68
Old Age Assistance:			
Federal Grant—			
Salaries and Wages:			
Board	\$ 200.00		
Supervisor	1,205.25		
Social Workers	703.40		
Clerks	1,192.90	3,301.55	
Administrative Expenses:			
Telephone	\$ 254.85		
Stationery, Supplies			
and Postage	1,794.57		
Mileage, Travel	162.52		
All Other	468.04	2,679.98	
Relief Expenses:			
Cash Grants	\$109,109.92		
Cities and Towns	3,012.42	112,122.34	118,103.87
Disability Assistance:			
Town Appropriation—			
Salaries and Wages:			
Agent	\$ 175.00		
Clerks	193.00		
Social Workers	119.92	487.92	
Relief Expense:			
Cash Grants		10,329.38	10,817.30
Disability Assistance:			
Federal Grant—			
Salaries and Wages:			
Supervisor	\$ 31.33		
Clerks	120.70		
Board	200.00	352.03	

Administrative Expenses:			
Stationery & Supplies \$	45.07		
Travel, Mileage	104.54		
Telephone	73.10	222.71	
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Relief Expenses:			
Cash Grants		7,694.42	8,269.16
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			347,321.39
 Infirmmary:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Superintendent and			
Matron		3,200.00	
Other Expenses:			
Groceries and			
Provisions	\$ 4,145.66		
Household Furniture,			
Dry Goods and			
Clothing	156.36		
Janitor's Supplies and			
Building Repairs	424.78		
Water, Fuel and Light	1,449.79		
Truck Expense, Gaso-			
line and Oil	30.49		
Hospital and Medical			
Care	1,750.48		
Tel. and All Other	538.08	8,495.64	11,695.64
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 Veteran Benefits:			
General Administration:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Veterans Agent		1,400.00	
Other Expenses:			
Office Expenses, Travel			
and Etc.		109.15	
Relief Expenses:			
Cash Grants	\$ 30,463.55		
Fuel	561.70		
Medical	3,205.56		
Hospital and Dental	3,764.09		
Food	3,499.92		
Rent, Clothes and Etc.	1,056.39		
Cities and Towns	30.00	42,581.21	44,090.36
Soldiers' Burials			108.10
Burial Allowance to Vet-			
erans Organizations			27.50

Maintenance of Veterans' Graves:

Maintenance of Graves	\$	510.00		
Materials and Supplies		38.58		
All Other		50.00	598.58	598.58

Veterans Services:**Salaries and Wages:**

Supervisors	\$	2,326.25		
Clerk		1,900.00	4,226.25	

Other Expenses:

Printing, Stationery	\$	78.65		
Postage and Supplies,				
Mileage and Travel		230.15		
Telephone		189.20		
Dues and All Other		2.00	500.00	4,726.25

Total of Charities and Veteran Benefits \$ 408,567.82

Schools**General Control:****Salaries and Wages:**

150 Superintendent	\$	6,671.83		
156 Supt.'s Clerk		5,234.20		
157 Extra Clerical		363.61		
103 School Census		315.14	12,584.78	

Other Expenses:

160 Supplies	\$	311.55		
180 Printing		232.52		
181 Travel		248.28		
182 Telephone		258.30		
182A Postage, Books,				
Periodicals, Etc.		126.17		
182B Equipment and				
Maintenance		315.59	1,492.41	14,077.19

High School:**Instruction Salaries:**

220 Principal	\$	5,700.13		
225 Principal's Clerk		2,650.11		

240 Teachers	98,048.69		
245 Subst. Teachers	1,150.36	107,549.29	
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Instruction Expense:			
250 Text and Reference Books	\$ 3,964.21		
270 Supplies	4,354.13		
660 Typewriters, Machines, Etc.	1,341.35	9,659.69	
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Other Expenses:			
210 Supervision Travel, Etc.	\$ 179.33		
235 Printing, Supplies and Postage	203.34		
290 Commencement Expense	265.25	647.92	
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Operation of Plant:			
Salaries and Wages:			
501 Janitors		9,498.78	
Other Expenses:			
510 Janitors' Supplies	\$ 801.34		
520 Fuel	3,294.75		
530 Water	221.60		
540 Gas and Electricity	2,825.20		
565 Telephone	330.46		
580 Drayage	85.00	7,558.35	
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Maintenance of Plant:			
601 Grounds	\$ 365.80		
620 Buildings	2,564.44		
640 Service Systems	1,447.56		
680 Other Expenses	142.16	4,519.96	
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Capital Outlay:			
930 Building Alterations & Additions	\$ 488.12		
965 New Furnishings	2,858.66		
975 New Equipment	784.50		
985 Other Expenses	200.00	4,331.28	143,765.27
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Elementary Schools:			
Instruction Salaries:			
240 Teachers	\$182,019.87		
245 Subst. Teachers	9,307.67	191,327.54	
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Instruction Expense:

210 Supervision Travel	\$ 490.63		
250 Text and Reference Books	2,463.72		
270 Supplies	4,690.81		
660 Instructional Equipment	225.27		
235 Printing	50.00	7,920.43	

Operation of Plant:**Salaries and Wages:**

501 Janitors		16,097.21	
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Other Expenses:

510 Janitors' Supplies	\$ 1,158.26		
520 Fuel	11,163.94		
530 Water	379.12		
540 Gas and Electricity	2,899.66		
565 Telephone	1,128.60		
580 Drayage	349.32	17,078.90	

Maintenance of Plant:

601 Grounds	\$ 615.49		
620 Buildings	3,825.73		
640 Service Systems	706.11		
680 Other Expenses	99.90	5,247.23	

Capital Outlay:

930 Building Alterations & Additions	\$ 419.48		
965 New Furnishings	1,505.16		
975 New Equipment	438.27		
985 Other Expense	45.10	2,408.01	240,079.32

Elementary Evening Schools:**Salaries:**

220 Directors	\$ 190.00		
240 Teachers	694.00	884.00	

Instruction Expense:

250 Text and Reference Books	\$ 314.20		
270 Supplies	2,116.48		
210 Supervision Travel	2.80	2,433.48	

Operation of Plant:

520 Fuel	\$ 100.00		
540 Gas and Electricity	50.00	150.00	3,467.48

Household Arts:

Instruction Salaries:

240 Teachers' Salaries	5,531.59		
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Other Expenses:

250 Text and Reference			
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Books	\$	2.07	
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270 Supplies		513.47	
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660 Instructional			
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Equipment		41.98	557.52	6,089.11
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High Evening School:

Salaries:

220 Director	\$	81.00		
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240 Teachers		725.30	806.30	
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Operation of Plant:

520 Fuel	\$	200.00		
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540 Gas and Electricity		100.00	300.00	1,106.30
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Industrial Arts:

Instruction Salaries:

240 Teachers			3,977.48	
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Instruction Expense:

270 Supplies	\$	147.61		
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975 New Equipment		100.00	247.61	4,225.09
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Domestic Science:

Instruction Salaries:

240 Teachers				1,885.00
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Auxiliary Agencies:

Medical and Nurse Service:

402 Physician	\$	2,194.39		
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404 Nurse		2,855.99		
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405 Medical Expense		367.84	5,418.22	
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Pupils:

401 Attendance	\$	250.00		
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313 Transportation of Pupils		25,748.93		
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360 Tuition Other Pupils	1,869.37	27,868.30	33,286.52
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Visual Aids:

240 Teachers' Salary \$	800.00		
270 Supplies	843.76		
660 Maintenance	505.97		2,149.73

Smith-Hughes Fund:

240 Vocational Classes \$	1,322.72		
240 Practical Arts	57.70		
240 Vocational Evening	31.99		1,412.41

Cole Trade School: General Control

Salaries:

220 Director	\$ 5,500.00		
225 Clerks	2,650.00		
226 Extra Clerical	2,650.00	10,800.00	

Expenses:

235 Printing, Supplies and Postage	\$ 189.22		
565 Telephone	148.24		
210 Supervision Travel	151.30		
290 Commencement Expense	118.43	607.19	

Instruction Salaries:

240 Teachers	\$ 49,841.73		
245 Subst. Teachers	49.50	49,891.23	

Instruction Expense:

250 Text and Reference Books	\$ 384.84		
270 Supplies	3,671.78		
660 Equipment	8,303.56	12,360.18	

Operation of Plant:

501 Janitors' Salaries \$	3,036.96		
510 Janitors' Supplies	460.70		
520 Fuel	1,701.23		
530 Water	39.77		

540 Gas and Electricity	1,040.13		
580 Drayage	228.67	6,507.46	
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Maintenance of Plant:			
601 Grounds	\$ 112.46		
620 Buildings	5.18		
640 Service Systems	490.92		
680 Other Expense	576.50	1,185.06	
Capital Outlay:			
930 Alteration and Addi- tions	\$ 328.70		
965 New Furnishings	182.13		
975 Instructional Apparatus	474.15		
985 Other Expense	161.50	1,146.48	82,497.60
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Evening Trade Extension:			
Instruction Salaries:			
225 Clerk	\$ 128.15		
240 Teachers	1,519.01	1,647.16	
Instruction Expense:			
250 Books	\$ 13.87		
270 Supplies	304.23		
660 Instructional Equipment	136.46	454.56	
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Operation of Plant:			
540 Gas & Electricity \$	200.00		
520 Fuel	100.00	300.00	2,401.72
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Total Schools		\$	536,442.74

Library

Jacob Edwards Memorial Library:

Salaries and Wages:			
103 Assistants	\$ 9,797.80		
150-151 Janitor	2,600.00	12,397.80	
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Books, Periodicals, Etc.:			
201 Books	\$ 3,024.24		
2-2 Periodicals	407.80	3,432.04	
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Binding:			
250		187.41	
Fuel and Light:			
301 Fuel	\$ 375.88		
302 Light	945.60	1,321.48	
Building:			
350-352 Repairs	\$ 518.93		
501 Furnishings	3.75		
303 Water	10.99		
304-306 All Other	60.72	594.39	
Other Expenses:			
402-403 Stationery, Print- ing and Adv.	\$ 446.69		
401 Telephone	135.60	582.29	
Alterations and Improve.		987.04	19,502.45
Total Schools and Library		\$ 555,945.19	

Recreation and Unclassified

Recreation:

Parks:			
Labor	\$ 500.00		
All Other	40.00	540.00	
Playgrounds:			
Instructors	\$ 2,945.75		
Materials & Supplies	821.23		
Mileage & Travel	20.09		
Labor, Sports, Games, Etc.	212.87	3,999.94	

World War Memorial Park:

Labor	\$ 198.65		
Water and Electricity	25.90		
Trees and Spraying	22.00		
Materials, Supplies and All Other	184.60		
Flowers and Wreaths	14.00	445.15	

Honor Roll:

Materials & Supplies \$	57.28		
Electricity	27.09		

Maintenance & Repairs	172.00	
Landscaping	34.25	290.62
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Swimming Pool:

Labor	\$ 385.38	
Instructors	3,183.38	
Building & Grounds	99.31	
Materials & Supplies	458.23	
Telephone, Water, Fuel and Light	92.43	
Red Cross Instruction	162.00	
New Construction	2,052.99	
Special Water Account	85.41	6,519.13
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Dresser Street Field:

Labor	\$ 3,851.94	
Telephone	126.59	
Materials & Supplies	1,159.92	
Fuel, Light & Water	387.33	
Caretaker	434.00	
All Other	267.96	
M. & I., Printing, Ad- vertising & Labor	482.78	
Office Supplies, Stationery and Postage	24.78	
Equipment & Mainten.	517.36	
Repairs to Field	1,187.79	
Hot Water Heater	684.00	9,124.45

Alumni Field:

Labor	\$ 978.75	
Materials & Supplies	641.61	
All Other	153.25	
New Construction	654.25	2,427.86
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Henry Street Field:

Labor and Salaries	\$ 998.45	
Materials & Supplies	494.58	
All Other	4.60	
Maintenance & Improv.	998.96	2,496.59
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Band Concerts:

Concerts	\$	369.00	
All Other		75.00	444.00
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Unclassified:

Damage to Persons & Property	\$	2,408.50	
Memorial Day		900.00	
Veterans Day		300.00	
Printing Town Reports		1,713.90	
Town Clock		50.00	
Non Contributory			
Pensions		7,542.39	
Insurance of Buildings		8,547.77	
All Ins.—Workmen's Compensation		11,177.58	32,640.14
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Southbridge Rent Control:

Salary	\$	309.50	
Travel		80.64	
Rent		181.50	
Telephone		70.25	
All Other		10.50	
Equipment		124.82	777.21
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Control and Unclassified	\$	59,705.09
Total of Recreation, Rent		

Cemetery**Oak Ridge Cemetery:****Salaries and Wages:**

Superintendent	\$	700.00	
Labor		6,158.86	
Opening Graves		275.00	7,133.86
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Other Expenses:

Fertilizer, Loam and Gravel	\$	225.25	
Light		12.00	
Markers		60.00	
Tools		3.75	
Equipment & Repairs		474.72	

Gasoline & Oil	24.70	
New Equipment, Materials, Supplies and All Other	1,590.45	2,390.87
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Cemetery Improvement Account:

Labor	\$ 86.00	
Spraying	45.90	
Lumber	27.65	
All Other	733.00	892.55
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Total Cemetery		\$ 10,417.28

Special Accounts

Chestnut St. Reconstruction:

Contract—Ciesla Bros., Inc.	\$ 25,798.32	
Advertising	11.25	
Repair, Remove Tree	37.50	25,847.07
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Chestnut St. Sewer:

Contract—Ciesla Bros., Inc.	937.00
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Civil Defense:

Director's Salary	\$ 200.00	
Telephone	45.00	
Gasoline and Oil	1.94	
All Other	162.64	
Hurricane Duty	161.93	571.51
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Cross St. Reconstruction:

Contract—Ciesla Bros., Inc.	805.25
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Dean Brook Culvert Account:

Materials & Supplies	75.00
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Depot Building Repairs:

Advertising	\$	24.38	
Priscilla Paint Co.		450.00	
Labor		5.00	
G. C. Winter Co.		557.00	
Southbridge Roofing Co.		217.96	1,254.34
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Dresser (Main St.) Property:

Labor		400.00	
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**Dresser St. Sidewalk
Payment:**

To Gregory Thomas		147.28	
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Drivers Education Fund:

Salary	\$	396.00	
Car Repairs and Mate- rials and Supplies		381.08	
Travel Expense		19.90	796.98
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1954 Chapter 90 Construction:**Eastford Road:**

Contract—Leo Construc- tion Co., Inc.	\$	10,965.60	
Advertising		4.38	10,969.98
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**Franklin Terrace Guard
Rail:**

Labor	\$	90.51	
Materials & Supplies		174.29	264.80
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**Globe Village Fire Sta-
tion—Disabled Veterans:**

Fuel	\$	142.78	
Light		3.88	
All Other		350.96	497.62
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**Henry St. Field Storm
Drain:**

Labor	\$	293.80	
Materials & Supplies		1,436.82	
Benoit Bros.		93.60	
Equipment Hire		172.50	1,996.72
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**Highland St. Storm
Drain:**

Materials & Supplies \$	747.16	
Manhole & Catch Basin	97.40	
Labor	232.04	
Equipment Hire	45.00	1,121.60
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Hill St. Reconstruction:

Advertising	\$	6.88	
Contract—Leo Construc- tion Company		4,441.20	4,448.08
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**Hook and Hamilton Sts.
Intersection**

Reconstruction:

Advertising	\$	6.88	
All Other		38.25	
Contract—Leo Construc- tion Company		16,042.38	16,087.51
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Hook, Central, Foster Sts.:

Land Payment:

Leon Bousquet	\$	50.90	
Renato Gentili		760.00	
Recording Fees, Etc.		10.00	
Fileno DiGregorio		1,368.00	
Title to Town		79.35	
F. X. Laliberte & Son, Inc.		380.00	2,648.25
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Hurricane No. 1 Carol:

Clear Debris Public Property		543.79
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Hurricane No. 2 Edna:

Clear Debris Public Property	\$	614.23	
Temporary Repairs Public Property		527.16	
Photographs		93.50	
Brookside Bridge Repairs		147.00	
Randolph St. Bridge Repairs		594.21	
Vinton St. Bridge Repairs		163.00	2,139.10

Jennison St. Sewer:

Contract—Chas. Chase, Sr.		6,864.72
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Leonide Lemire Post V.F.W.:

Rent		900.00
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Marcy St. School Repairs:

Contract—F. X. Lali- berte	\$	3,670.27	
Pariseau Electric Co.		7.71	
Benoit Bros.		55.00	3,732.98

Moon St. Storm Drain:

Materials & Supplies \$	882.80	
Equipment Hire	313.00	
Labor	724.19	
Benoit Bros.	242.00	2,161.99

Morris St. Porch Removal:

Contract—A. J. Arse- neault		135.00
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Morris St. Sidewalk Payment:

To Gregory Skarani		58.88
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Morris St. Sidewalk:

Photographs	\$	9.00	
Materials & Supplies		303.13	
Labor		517.54	
Benoit Bros.		195.00	1,024.67
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Pine St. Reconstruction:

Advertising	\$	11.88	
Contract—Ciesla Bros.		16,096.53	16,108.41
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Plympton St. Sewer:

To Jessica L. Williams		61.80
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Mary E. Wells High School:**Roof Repairs:**

Contract—H. U. Bail Sons, Inc.		15,850.00
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**Swimming Pool Bridge
Repairs:**

Labor	\$	266.25	
Materials & Supplies		382.79	649.04
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**Town Hall Alterations and
Repairs:**

Advertising	\$	5.63	
Benoit Bros.		3,376.00	
Materials & Supplies		28.90	
T. P. Morin		184.00	
E. J. Blinn		47.00	
H. U. Bail Sons, Inc.		234.88	
Larochelle Electric Co.		244.00	4,120.41
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Voting Precinct Account:

Booths, Material and Parts		1,557.90
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Total Special Projects	\$	124,777.68
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Interest and Maturing Debt

Interest:

Temporary Loans:			
Anticipation of Revenue		1,936.83	
General Loans:			
Eastford Road and West Street Schools	\$ 300.00		
No. Dist. Elem. School	350.00	650.00	2,586.83
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Municipal Indebtedness:

Temporary Loans:			
Anticipation of Revenue		400,000.00	
No. Dist. Elem. School \$	4,000.00		
Eastford Road and West Street School	6,000.00	10,000.00	410,000.00
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Total Interest and Maturing Debt		\$	412,586.83

Agency, Trust and Investment

Agency:

State Auditing Tax	\$ 1,115.80		
State Examination of Retirement System	488.21		
State Parks and Reservation	3,425.47	5,029.48	
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County Tax	\$ 45,961.32		
County T.B. Hospital Tax	36,754.42		
Dog Tax Fees Paid To County	1,992.40		
School Lunch Program	29,184.09		
School Athletic Fund	6,573.43		
Federal Withholding Tax	91,498.43		
Blue Cross	8,621.70	220,585.79	
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Trust and Investment:

Ella M. Cole Fund	\$ 64.60
Mabel Murphy Fund	64.50
Mary Mynott Fund	44.72

Adah Stedman Fund	24.50	
Cemetery Perpetual		
Care Fund	1,430.00	
U. S. War Bonds—Post		
War Rehabilitation	3,375.00	
Pension and Retirement		
Fund and Military		
Leave	19,998.00	25,001.32
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Total Agency, Trust and Investment	\$	250,616.59

Refunds

Refunds:

Taxes and Demands	\$	1,753.69
Motor Vehicle Excise		1,972.13
Marriage Fee		2.00
Blue Cross		18.15
Plans and Bids		11,153.37
Ambulance		48.00

Total Refunds	\$	14,947.34
Total Payments for 1954	\$	2,352,207.57
Cash On Hand December 31, 1954		373,145.42
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		\$2,725,352.99
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TOWN OF SOUTHBURIDGE

BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1954

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 373,145.42	Temporary Loans	\$ 150,000.00
		Parking Meter Fees	15,644.42
		Insurance Loss Reimbursement	4,893.82

Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:		Trust Fund Income:	
Levy of 1954	\$ 40,377.69	J. J. Angell Fund	\$ 31.27
Levy of 1953	1,937.88	Alexis Boyer, Jr. Fund	11.29

Motor Vehicle Excise:

Levy of 1954	\$ 10,938.52	Ella M. Cole Fund	469.71
Levy of 1953	1,721.50	Mabel Murphy Fund	96.97
Levy of 1952	16.71	Mary Mynott Fund	21.50
		Adah Stedman Fund	79.96
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			710.70

Tax Titles	\$ 1,642.50	Deposits on Bids and Plans	10.00
Tax Possessions	2,044.91	School Athletic Fund	3,186.23
		Federal Lunch Program	1,066.98
		Sale of Land Account	1,000.00

Departmental:

Ambulance	\$ 1,202.50	Sale of Cemetery Lots and Graves Fund	1,575.00
Health	249.08	Road Machinery Rental Fund	1,598.83
Highways	1,451.40	Tailings	206.34
Public Welfare	24.00		

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Aid to Dependent Children (State)	4,677.22
Old Age Assistance (Cities & Towns)	423.53
Veterans Benefits (State)	1,752.81
Schools	718.25
Municipal Athletic Field	158.42
Cemetery	290.00
Airport Rental	2,350.00

13,297.21

Aid to Highways:

State	\$ 11,733.00
County	5,366.50

Overlays—1952:

Overdrawn Account:	
1954 Chapter 90—Maintenance	1,000.00

Overestimates—1954:

State Parks & Reservations Tax	\$ 13.49
County Tax	1,604.09
County T. B. Hospital Maintenance Tax	6,397.03

8,014.61

Federal Grants:

Aid to Dependent Children:	
Administration	\$ 620.01
Aid	3,035.85

Old Age Assistance:

Administration	\$ 4,497.23
Aid	6,979.26

Disability Assistance:

Administration	\$ 237.18
Aid	1,727.38

17,096.91

Appropriation Balances:

Board of Appeals	\$ 204.60
By-Laws Revision	499.95
Enlarging Metalsmith Shop at the Cole Trade High School	6,000.00
Swimming Pool—Special Water Account	214.59
Airport Maintenance Account	460.18
Cemetery Improvement Account	1,519.50
New State Census of 1955 Acc't.	1,500.00

Chestnut St. Reconstruction	1,152.93
Civil Defense	312.20
1954—Chapter 90 Construction— Eastford Road	930.52
Eastford Road School Sidewalk	179.21
Eastford Road and West Street School Repairs	900.00
Foster Street Parking Lot Repairs	526.22
Hook, Central & Foster Street Land Payment	203.75
Hurricane No. 1 (Carol)	1,129.40
Hurricane No. 2 (Edna)	485.11
Moon Street Storm Drain	338.01
Morris Street Extension	167.18
Nuisance Brook Culvert	983.70
Repair Dam at 2nd Reservoir	544.80
School Building Improvement Account	4,796.20
Swimming Pool—Litchfield Avenue Drain	1,000.00
Town Hall Alterations and Repairs	5,918.23
	29,966.28

By Tax Titles—1948 R. E. Tax	\$ 36.40
By Tax Titles—1949 R. E. Tax	67.20
By Tax Titles—1950 R. E. Tax	62.88
By Tax Titles—1951 R. E. Tax	67.44
By Tax Titles—1952 R. E. Tax	67.44
	301.36

Sewer Assessment Reserve	13,692.82
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	23,369.06

Overlays Reserved for Abatements:

Levy of 1954	\$ 8,633.70
Levy of 1953	1,937.88
	10,571.58

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	
Revenue	\$ 12,676.73
Tax Title Revenue and Tax Possessions	3,920.91
Departmental	13,297.21
Aid to Highways	17,099.50
	46,994.35

Excess and Deficiency

133,492.02

\$ 463,391.31

\$ 463,391.31

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES

O'drawn Accounts 1/1/54	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Var. Accts.	Balance Forw'd to 1955	O'drawn Accounts 12/31/54
General Government:									
Moderator—Salary	60.00								
By Excess and Deficiency		40.00	100.00	100.00		100.00			
Moderator—Expense	12.00		12.00				12.00		
Finance Committee	100.00		100.00	22.78		22.78	77.22		
Selectmen—Salaries	4,125.00								
By Excess and Deficiency		265.38	4,390.38	4,335.26		4,335.26	55.12		
Selectmen—Expense	1,000.00								
By Refund		7.98	1,007.98	787.72		787.72	220.26		
Accountant—Salaries	5,616.00		5,616.00	5,615.58		5,615.58	.42		
Accountant—Expense	500.00		500.00	476.23		476.23	23.77		
Treasurer—Salaries	5,475.00								
By Excess and Deficiency		150.00	5,631.00	5,631.00		5,631.00			
By Refund		6.00	1,650.00	1,624.36		1,624.36	25.64		
Treasurer—Expense	1,650.00								
Tax Collector—Salaries	6,050.00								
By Excess & Deficiency		300.00	6,500.00	6,500.00		6,500.00			
By Reserve Fund		150.00							
Tax Collector—Expense	2,578.00								
By Refund		12.00	2,590.00	2,299.92		2,299.92	290.08		
Town Collector—Salaries	550.00		550.00	550.00		550.00			
Town Collector—Expense	150.00		150.00	17.92		17.92	132.08		
Assessors—Salaries	7,100.00		7,100.00	7,100.00		7,100.00			
Assessors—Expense	1,100.00		1,100.00	1,090.06		1,090.06	9.94		
Assessors—Travel	325.00		325.00	324.81		324.81	.19		
Town Clerk—Salaries	6,350.00								
By Reserve Fund		222.71	6,572.71	6,569.76		6,569.76	2.95		
Town Clerk—Expense	775.00								
By Reserve for Petty Cash		50.00	825.00	772.82		772.82	52.18		
Town Clerk—Typewriter	160.00		160.00	160.00		160.00			

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

O'drawn Accounts 1/1/54	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Var. Accts.	Balance Forw'd to 1955	O'drawn Accounts 12/31/54
Election & Registration—Sal.	550.00		550.00	550.00		550.00			
Elec. & Reg.—Elec. Exp.	5,850.00	5.75							
By Refund									
By Elec. & Reg.— Relisting		96.00	5,951.75	5,936.39		5,936.39	15.36		
Elec. & Reg.—Relist. Exp.	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,747.86	96.00	1,843.86	156.14		
To Elec. & Reg.—Exp.						2,300.00			
Law—Salaries	2,300.00		2,300.00	2,300.00		2,300.00	1.06		
Law—Expense	300.00		300.00	298.94		298.94			
Engineering—Salaries	16,650.00		16,650.00	16,256.99		16,256.99	393.01		
Engineering—Expense	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,985.99		1,985.99	14.01		
Town Hall—Salary	2,950.00		2,950.00	2,950.00		2,950.00			
Town Hall—Expense	5,500.00								
By Refund		.59							
By Depot Repair		45.57	5,546.16	5,537.42		5,537.42	8.74		
Planning Board	650.00		650.00	649.92		649.92	.08	204.60	
Board of Appeals		204.60	204.60						
Contributory Retirement System	1,090.00		1,090.00	1,090.00		1,090.00			
By-Laws Revision— Bal. 1/1/54		530.27	530.27	30.32		30.32		499.95	
Total General Government	83,516.00	2,086.85	85,602.85	83,312.05	96.00	83,408.05	1,490.25	704.55	

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police—Salaries	96,918.00		96,918.00	96,912.05		96,912.05	5.95		
Police—Fingerprint Identifi- cation Equipment	150.00		150.00	149.14		149.14	.86		
Police—One Cruiser	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,988.25		1,988.25	11.75		
Police—Building Repairs	500.00		500.00	500.00		500.00			

Police—School Safety	400.00	400.00	351.61	48.39
Patrol Supplies	100.00	100.00	95.99	4.01
Auxiliary Police—Equipment	350.00	350.00	334.45	
Police—Officers' Equipment				
To Police Expense			10.75	4.80
Police—Expense	9,062.00			
By Officers' Equipment				
Police Parking Meter Div.				
Salaries	8,766.00	8,766.00	8,766.00	38.70
Police—Park. Meter Div.—Expense	2,150.00			
By Parking Meter Fees				
Fire—Salaries	84,186.00	84,336.00	83,936.32	249.68
By Fire Salaries				
To Salary of Captain				
Fire—Expense	5,673.00			
By Ambulance				
By Forest Fire Expense				
To Liquid Foam		5,780.70	5,713.56	
Fire—Out of State Travel	150.00	150.00	55.80	64.19
Fire—New Underground Cables				94.20
& Fire Alarm Boxes	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,847.37	152.63
Fire—New Pumper				
Balance Jan. 1, 1954		19,483.75	19,483.75	
Fire—Liquid Foam (50 gals.)	250.00			
By Fire Expense				
Hydrants	21,450.00	252.95	252.95	
Forest Fire—Salaries	200.00	21,450.00	20,897.50	552.50
Forest Fire—Expense	1,620.00	200.00	200.00	
To Fire—Expense		1,620.00	1,187.79	
Ambulance—Expense	1,431.00			378.36
By Reserve Fund				
To Fire—Expense		1,731.00	1,670.57	
Sealer of Weights and Measures—Salary	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	6.58
Sealer of Weights and Measures—Expense	400.00	400.00	396.68	3.32

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

O'drawn Accounts 1/1/54	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Var. Accts.	Balance Forw'd to 1955	O'drawn Accounts 12/31/54
Tree Warden	2,000.00								
By Reserve Fund		1,605.00							
By Hurricane Carol (No. 1)		262.66							
By Excess & Deficiency		1,000.00	4,867.66	4,867.66		4,867.66			
Dutch Elm Disease	3,000.00								
By Reserve Fund		500.00							
Moth Extermination	400.00		3,500.00	3,500.00		3,500.00			
Animal Inspector	300.00		400.00	400.00		400.00			
Animal Inspector—Expense	75.00		300.00	300.00		300.00			
Building Inspector—Salary	700.00		75.00	75.00		75.00			
Building Inspector—Expense	150.00		700.00	700.00		700.00			
Wire Inspector—Salary	800.00		150.00	150.00		150.00			
Wire Inspector—Expense	150.00		800.00	800.00		800.00			
Dog Officer—Salary	250.00		150.00	149.40		149.40	.60		
Dog Officer—Expense	495.00		250.00	250.00		250.00			
Street Lighting	23,000.00		495.00	495.00		495.00			
			23,000.00	21,623.40		21,623.40	1,376.60		
Tot. Prot. of Persons and Property	271,576.00	23,972.81	295,548.81	292,284.20	271.40	292,555.60		2,993.21	

Health and Sanitation:

Health—Salaries	9,130.00								
By Excess & Deficiency		1,074.98	10,204.98	9,645.71		9,645.71	559.27		
Health—Expense	500.00		500.00	454.94		454.94	45.06		
Health—T.B. & Contagious Diseases	6,000.00		6,000.00	2,178.40		2,178.40	3,821.60		
Health—Premature Births	2,000.00		2,000.00	332.50		332.50	1,667.50		
Health—Travel	400.00		400.00	386.48		386.48	13.52		
Health—Vital Statistics	200.00		200.00	165.25		165.25	34.75		
Garbage Collection	8,998.00		8,998.00	8,998.00		8,998.00			
Sewer—Salaries	6,430.00		6,430.00	6,430.00		6,430.00			

Sewer—Expense	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,080.34	1,080.34	419.66
Sewer—Special Repairs	750.00	750.00	696.00	696.00	54.00
Total of Health and Sanitation	35,908.00	1,074.98	36,982.98	30,367.62	6,615.36
Highways:					
Highway—Salaries	4,100.00		4,100.00	4,100.00	
Highway—Labor Refund	38,000.00	7.80			
By Hurricane Carol (No. 1)		956.60			
By Hurricane Edna (No. 2)		1,091.85	40,055.98	40,055.54	.44
Highway—Expense	10,000.00		10,000.00	9,997.72	2.28
Highways—Oil and Sand					
For Roads	10,000.00		10,000.00	9,968.61	31.39
Road Mach. Maintenance	10,000.00				
By Reimbursement—Ins.		22.00	10,022.00	10,021.93	.07
New Equip. Road Mach.—Tractor	3,100.00				
By Excess & Deficiency		369.43	3,469.43	3,460.75	8.68
New Equipment—Catch Basin Cleaner	7,000.00				
By Excess & Deficiency		4,600.00	11,600.00	11,520.00	80.00
1954 Chap. 90—Rd. Maint.	1,000.00				
By Highway Aid Revenue		1,000.00			
Town Dump	2,160.00		2,000.00	3,000.00	
Town Dump—Rodent Control	900.00		2,160.00	2,160.00	
Rubbish Collection	3,500.00		900.00	900.00	
Snow and Ice	10,000.00		3,500.00	3,495.62	4.38
			10,000.00	9,999.71	.29
Total Highways	99,760.00	8,047.41	107,807.41	108,679.88	127.53
					1,000.00
Charities and Veteran Benefits:					
General Relief—Salaries	3,340.00		3,340.00	3,320.35	19.65
General Relief—Expense	32,000.00				
By Refund		135.00			
By Excess & Deficiency		8,000.00	40,135.00	40,131.39	3.61
Disability Assist.—Sal.	600.00				

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

O'drawn Accounts 1/1/54	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Var. Accts.	Balance Forw'd to 1955	O'drawn Accounts 12/31/54
By Dis. Ass't., Fed. Grant— Salary		50.00	650.00	537.92		537.92	112.08		
Disability Assist.—Expense	9,000.00								
By Refund		30.35							
By A. D. C. Expense		1,500.00	10,530.35	10,329.38		10,329.38	200.97		
Aid to Dep. Child.—Salaries	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,363.19		1,363.19	236.81		
Aid to Depend. Child.—Exp.	25,000.00								
By Refunds		217.60							
By A. D. C. Fed. Gr. Exp.		1,827.20	27,044.80	25,215.99		25,215.99			
To Dis. Ass't. Expense					1,500.00	26,715.99	328.81		
Old Age Assist.—Salaries	7,220.00		7,220.00	7,028.32		7,028.32	191.68		
Old Age Assist.—Expense	115,000.00								
By Refunds		429.65	115,429.65	115,383.36		115,383.36	46.29		
Aid to Dependent Children									
Fed. Grant—Sal. & Admin.									
Balance 1/1/54		506.59						620.01	
From Comm. of Mass.		978.78	1,485.37	865.36		865.36			
A. D. C. Fed. Gr.—Exp.									
Balance 1/1/54		2,066.98							
By Refunds		60.30							
From Comm. of Mass.		19,558.87	21,686.15	18,650.30		18,650.30		3,035.85	
O. A. A. Fed. Gr.—Sal. & Adm.									
Balance 1/1/54		3,976.44							
By Refund		4.20							
By O. A. A. Fed. Gr. Exp.		46.00							
From Comm. of Mass.		6,452.12	10,478.76	5,981.53		5,981.53		4,497.23	
O. A. A., Fed. Gr.—Exp.									
Balance 1/1/54		7,383.83							
By Refunds		943.15							
From Comm. of Mass.		110,947.17	119,274.15	112,122.34		112,122.34			

To Old Age Assist.—Exp.					126.55				
To O.A. Fed. Gr. Admin.					46.00				
Disability Ass't. Fed. Gr.								112,294.89	6,979.26
Salary & Admin.									
Balance 1/1/54									
From Comm. of Mass.									
Dist. Ass't. Fed. Gr. Expense				811.92	524.74	50.00	574.74		237.18
Balance 1/1/54									
From Comm. of Mass.									
Infirmary—Salaries	3,200.00			9,421.80	7,694.42		7,694.42		1,727.38
Infirmary—Expense	8,500.00			3,200.00	3,200.00		3,200.00		
Veteran Benefits—Sal.	1,400.00			8,500.00	8,495.64		8,495.64		4.36
Veteran Benefits—Expense	26,000.00			1,400.00	1,400.00		1,400.00		
By Refunds									
By Excess & Deficiency									
Veteran Services—Salaries	3,900.00			42,690.76	42,690.36		42,690.36		.40
By Excess & Deficiency									
Veterans Services—Expense	500.00			4,226.25	4,226.25		4,226.25		
Soldiers' Burials	400.00			500.00	500.00		500.00		
Burial Allowance for Vet.				400.00	108.10		108.10		291.90
Organizations	100.00			100.00	27.50		27.50		72.50
Maintenance of Vet. Graves	500.00								
By Excess & Deficiency									
Total of Charities and Veterans Benefits	238,260.00	192,464.96	430,724.96	410,395.02	1,722.55	412,117.57	1,510.48	17,096.91	
Schools and Library:									
Schools—Salaries	430,168.00								
By Refund					18.15				
By School Expense					1,535.16				
To School Expense				431,721.31	423,152.86				
School—Expense	104,051.00					3,000.00	426,152.86	5,568.45	
By Refunds									
By M. E. Wells Roof Repairs									
By Marcy St. Sch. Repairs									
By School—Salaries				108,419.63	106,879.64				

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

O'drawn Accounts 1/1/54	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Var. Accts.	Balance Forw'd to 1955	O'drawn Accounts 12/31/54
To School—Salaries					1,535.16	108,414.80	4.83		
Contingency Fund	5,000.00		5,000.00	4,997.83		4,997.83	2.17		
Enlarging the Metalsmith Shop									
Cole Trade High School									
By Excess & Deficiency		6,000.00	6,000.00					6,000.00	
M. E. Wells High School									
Roof Repairs	16,500.00		16,500.00	15,850.00					
To School Expense					650.00	16,500.00			
Driver Education Program	1,000.00		1,000.00	796.98		796.98	203.02		
Marcy St. School Repairs									
By Reserve Fund		4,400.00	4,400.00	3,732.98					
To School Expense	13,999.00		13,999.00	12,397.80		4,400.00			
Library—Salaries					667.02				
To Library—Expense	4,606.00				1,500.00	13,897.80	101.20		
Library—Expense									
By Refunds		12.17							
By Library Salaries		1,500.00	6,118.17	6,117.61		6,117.61	.56		
Alterations and Improve.	1,000.00		1,000.00	987.04		987.04	12.96		
Total, Schools and Library	576,324.00	17,834.11	594,158.11	574,912.74	7,352.18	582,264.92	5,893.19	6,000.00	
Recreation and Unclassified:									
Parks									
By Reserve Fund	500.00								
Playgrounds		40.00	540.00	540.00		540.00			
World War Memorial Park	4,000.00		4,000.00	3,999.94		3,999.94	.06		
By Reserve Fund	375.00								
2nd World War Memorial—		75.00	450.00	445.15		445.15	4.85		
Honor Roll	350.00		350.00	290.62		290.62	59.38		
Band Concerts	500.00		500.00	444.00		444.00	56.00		
Swimming Pool—Salaries	3,590.00		3,590.00	3,568.76		3,568.76	21.24		

Swimming Pool—Expense	650.00	649.97	649.97	.03
Swimming Pool—Red Cross Instruction	200.00	200.00	162.00	38.00
Swimming Pool—New Construc.—Walkway, Driveway	2,000.00			
Balance 1/1/54	108.99	2,108.99	2,052.99	56.00
Swimming Pool—Special Water Account	300.00	300.00	85.41	
Dresser Field—Salaries	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,495.94	4.06
Dresser Field—Maintenance and Improvement	3,000.00			
By Refund	1.50	3,001.50	2,966.72	34.78
Dresser Field—Repairs to Field	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,187.79	12.21
Dresser Field—Hot Water Heater				
By Excess & Deficiency	700.00	700.00	700.00	
Alumni Field—Salaries	800.00			
By Dresser Field—Sal.	210.00	1,010.00	978.75	31.25
Alumni Field—Expense	800.00	800.00	794.86	5.14
Alumni Field—New Construc.	700.00	700.00	654.25	45.75
Henry St. Field—Salaries	1,000.00	1,000.00	998.45	1.55
Henry St. Field—Expense	500.00			
By Refund	2.60	502.60	499.18	3.42
Henry St. Field—Maint. and Improvement	1,000.00	1,000.00	998.96	1.04
Airport Maint. Acct.				
Balance Jan. 1, 1954	460.18	460.18		460.18
Damage to Persons and Property	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,408.50	1,591.50
Memorial Day	900.00	900.00	900.00	
Armistice Day	300.00	300.00	300.00	
Annual Reports	1,700.00			
By Excess & Deficiency	13.90	1,713.90	1,713.90	
Non Contributory Pensions	8,000.00	8,000.00	7,542.39	457.61
Insurance	23,000.00			
Reimbursement Hurricane Damage	368.72	23,368.72	19,725.35	3,643.37
Town Clock	50.00	50.00	50.00	

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

O'drawn Accounts 1/1/54	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Var. Accts.	Balance Forw'd to 1955	O'drawn Accounts 12/31/54
Pension Accumulation Fund	19,879.00		19,879.00	19,879.00		19,879.00			
Retirement System— Military Leave	119.00		119.00	119.00		119.00			
Southbridge Rent Control By Excess & Deficiency	950.00	350.00	1,300.00	777.21		777.21	522.79		
Total of Recreation and Unclassified	84,863.00	2,330.89	87,193.89	79,929.09		79,929.09	6,590.03	674.77	
Cemetery:									
Cemetery Expense	5,250.00								
From Dividends		2,972.76							
By Reserve Fund		550.00	8,772.76	8,730.35		8,730.35	42.41		
Cemetery Improve. Acct. Jan. 1, 1954 Balance		827.05							
By Sale of Lots and Graves Fund		1,585.00	2,412.05	892.55		892.55		1,519.50	
Cemetery—½-Ton Pick-Up Truck	800.00		800.00	794.38		794.38	5.62		
Total Cemetery	6,050.00	5,934.81	11,984.81	10,417.28		10,417.28	48.03	1,519.50	
Special Accounts:									
New State Census of 1955 Acct. By Excess & Deficiency		1,500.00	1,500.00					1,500.00	
Chestnut St. Reconstruction Chestnut St. Sanitary Sewer Construction	27,000.00		27,000.00	25,847.07		25,847.07		1,152.93	
By Excess & Deficiency		1,000.00	1,000.00	937.00		937.00	63.00		
Civil Defense Balance Jan. 1, 1954	200.00	683.71	883.71	571.51		571.51		312.20	

	1906-7	1907-8	1908-9	1909-10	1910-11	Total
Cross St. Reconstruction Balance Jan. 1, 1954	1,806.45	1,806.45	805.25		805.25	1,001.20
Dean Brook Culvert By Reserve Fund	100.00	100.00	75.00		75.00	25.00
Depot Building Repairs By Excess & Deficiency	600.00					
To Town Hall Expense	700.00	1,300.00	1,254.34	45.57		.09
Dresser St. Sidewalk Paymt.	147.28	147.28	147.28		1,299.91	147.28
Dresser (Maint. St.) Property Maintenance	400.00	400.00	400.00		400.00	
East Main Drain and Curb'g. Balance Jan. 1, 1954	693.49	693.49				693.49
1954 Chapter 90 Construction— Eastford Rd. Cont. No. 15434	7,000.00					
By Highway Aid		11,900.50	10,969.98		10,969.98	930.52
1953 Chap. 90 Construction— Eastford Rd. Cont. No. 14252						
By Highway Aid Revenue	2,823.59	2,823.59	2,550.79	272.80	2,823.59	
To Excess & Deficiency						
Eastford Rd. School Sidewalk Balance 1/1/54	179.21	179.21				179.21
Eastford Road School and West St. School Repairs						
By Reserve Fund	900.00	900.00				900.00
Foster St. Parking Lot Drain Balance 1/1/54	790.25	790.25				
Foster St. Park. Lot Repairs Balance 1/1/54	526.22	526.22				
Franklin Ter. Guard Rail	300.00	300.00	264.80		264.80	526.22
Globe Village Fire Station— Disabled Veterans	500.00	500.00	498.07		498.07	1.93
Henry St. Field Storm Drain	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,996.72		1,996.72	3.28
Higland St. Storm Drain	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,121.60		1,121.60	78.40
Hill St. Reconstruction Balance 1/1/54	2,200.00	6,000.00	4,448.08		4,448.08	1,551.92

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

O'drawn Accounts 1/1/54	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Var. Accts.	Balance Forw'd to 1955	O'drawn Accounts 12/31/54
Hook, Central and Foster St. Land Payment	1,352.00								
By Excess & Deficiency		1,500.00	2,852.00	2,648.25		2,648.25		203.75	
Hook St. Intersection Reconst.	18,000.00		18,000.00	16,087.51		16,087.51	1,912.49		
Hurricane No. 1 (Carol)		1,130.40							
By Reserve Fund		1,763.05	2,892.45	1,763.05		1,763.05		1,129.40	
By Comm. of Mass.									
Hurricane No. 2 (Edna)		2,811.58	2,811.58	2,326.47		2,326.47		485.11	
By Reserve Fund									
Brookside Bridge Repair									
By Reserve Fund		200.00	200.00	147.00		147.00	53.00		
Randolph St. Foot Bridge		600.00	600.00	594.21		594.21	5.79		
By Reserve Fund									
Vinton St. Bridge Repairs		300.00	300.00	163.00		163.00	137.00		
By Reserve Fund									
Jennison St. Sanitary Sewer Construction									
By Res. Sew. Assessmt. To Reserve Sewer Assessmt.		9,000.00	9,000.00	6,874.72		6,874.72	2,135.28		
Leonide Lemire Post #6055									
Lease	900.00		900.00	900.00		900.00		338.01	
Moon St. Storm Drain	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,169.99		2,169.99		167.18	
Morris St. Extension									
Balance 1/1/54	58.88	167.18	167.18	58.88		58.88			
Morris St. Sidewalk Paym't									
Morris St. Sidewalk									
Balance 1/1/54		1,200.00	1,200.00	1,024.67		1,024.67	175.33		
Nuisance Brook Culvert	600.00								
Balance 1/1/54		383.70	983.70					983.70	
Pine St. Reconstruction	17,250.00		17,250.00	16,108.41		16,108.41	1,141.59		

Porch Removal—Morris St.	250.00					
Balance 1/1/54	100.00	350.00	135.00	135.00	215.00	
Plimpton St. Sew. Paymt.						
Balance 1/1/54	61.80	61.80	61.80	61.80		
Repair Dam at 2nd Reservoir						
Balance 1/1/54	544.80	544.80				544.80
School Improvement Account						
Balance 1/1/54	4,796.20	4,796.20				4,796.20
Swimming Pool Bridge Rep.	650.00	650.00	649.04	649.04	.96	
Swimming Pool—Litchfield Ave. Drain						
Balance 1/1/54	1,000.00	1,000.00				1,000.00
Town Hall Alterations and Repairs	10,000.00					
Balance 1/1/54	38.64	10,038.64	4,120.41	4,120.41		5,918.23
Town Government Survey						
Balance 1/1/54	171.06	171.06			171.06	
Voting Precinct Account	1,200.00					
By Reserve Fund	360.00	1,560.00	1,557.90	1,557.90	2.10	
Total Special Accounts	94,308.16	140,838.99	109,259.80	318.37	10,168.36	21,092.46

Interest and Maturing Debt:				
Interest—Temporary Loans	2,800.00	2,800.00	1,936.83	863.17
Interest—Fixed Debt	650.00	650.00	650.00	
Maturing Debt	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Anticipation of Revenue Loans				
Balance 1/1/54	100,000.00			
Issued in 1954	450,000.00	550,000.00	400,000.00	150,000.00
Total Interest and Maturing Debt	13,450.00	563,450.00	412,586.83	863.17
			412,586.83	150,000.00

Agency, Trust and Investment:			
Federal Tax Deductions	91,501.80	91,501.80	91,501.80
Deposits on Plans and Bids	11,160.00	11,160.00	11,150.00
Blue Cross	8,621.70	8,621.70	8,621.70
			10.00

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SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

O'drawn Accounts 1/1/54	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Var. Accts.	Balance Forw'd to 1955	O'drawn Accounts 12/31/54
Charities and Veteran Benefits	238,260.00	192,464.96	430,724.96	410,395.01	1,722.55	412,117.57	1,510.48	17,096.91	
Schools and Library	576,324.00	17,834.11	594,158.11	574,912.74	7,352.18	582,264.92	5,893.19	6,000.00	
Recreation & Unclassified	84,863.00	2,330.89	87,193.89	79,929.09		79,929.09	6,590.03	674.77	
Cemeteries — Enterpr.	6,050.00	5,934.81	11,984.81	10,417.28		10,417.28	48.03	1,519.50	
Special Accounts	94,308.16	46,530.83	140,838.99	109,259.80	318.37	109,578.17	10,168.36	21,092.46	
Interest and Mat. Debt	13,450.00	550,000.00	563,450.00	412,586.83		412,586.83	863.17	150,000.00	
Agency, Trust, Invest- ments & Refunds (6,176.10	3,000.00	290,047.85	293,047.85	255,340.74	9,074.17	264,414.91		28,632.94	
	1,507,015.16	1,140,325.50	2,647,340.66	2,367,485.25	18,834.67	2,386,319.92	36,299.61	225,721.13	1,000.00

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

Superintendent of Schools

OF THE

TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

For the Year Ending December 31, 1954

ANNUAL REPORT

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Southbridge, Massachusetts

December 31, 1954

THE SOUTHBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1954-1955

Mrs. Alexander Steen, Jr., Chairman, 28 Maple St.	1955
Mrs. Frederic Beck, Vice-Chairman, 103 Eastford Rd.	1956
Lorenzo J. Beaupre, 131 Central St.	1957
Eugene LeBlanc, 107 Pine St.	1956
Paul A. Roy, 141 Everett St.	1957
Belmore St. Amant, 11 Edwards St.	1955

Meetings of School Committee

The regular meetings of the School Committee are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 8:00 P. M. in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Town Hall.

There are no regular meetings in July and August.

Superintendent of Schools

Robert L. Fox

Residence: 46 Columbus Avenue	Tel. 4-8400
Office: Town Hall	Tel. 4-4721

Secretaries

Margaret R. Connolly, 14 South St.	Tel. 4-6513
Mary F. Welch, 12 Woodland Street	Tel. 4-3925

The Superintendent's office is open from Monday through Friday, from: 8:30 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.

School Physicians

Dr. William Langevin, 24 Everett St.	Tel. 4-7358
Dr. Adah B. Eccleston, 62 Elm St.	Tel. 4-8141

School Nurse

Lottie A. LeBlanc, 54 Westwood Parkway Tel. 4-3359

School Calendar — 1955

Winter term, seven weeks January 3 - February 18
Spring term, seven weeks February 28 - April 15
Summer term, eight weeks April 15 - June 24
Fall term, sixteen weeks September 7 - December 23

No-School Announcement

The official No-School Announcement for all schools will be given over Stations WTAG and WARE at 7 A. M.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Expenditures

Salaries	\$421,599.55
Other Expenses (Including Transportation, Tuition, Medical Expenses, Textbooks, Supplies, Operation and Maintenance of Plant, New Equipment, Maintenance of Equipment, Capital Outlay, etc.)	108,363.19
Playgrounds	3,999.94
Contingency Fund	4,997.83
Smith-Hughes Fund	1,412.41
Federal Lunch Program (Cafeteria)	2,000.00
General Athletic	949.49
Marcy Street Repairs	3,732.98
Mary E. Wells Roof Repairs	15,850.00
Driver Education	796.98
Balance on Hand December 31, 1954	5,573.28

Reimbursements

State Aid for Schools (Chap. 70 as Amended 1948 Chap. 643)	\$ 90,083.97
Vocational School, State Grant	35,459.82
Smith-Hughes U. S. Gov. Fund	1,412.41
High School Tuition	18,115.79
Elementary School Tuition	738.03
Vocational School Tuition	12,151.59
Tuition of Pupils to Vocational School (Girls' Trade, Worcester)	141.15

Cole Trade High—Evening School Tuition	186.30	
Cole Trade High School—Goods Sold .....	.75	
Transportation (Charlton)	18.10	
Transportation Vocational Pupils	47.12	
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Total Receipts Returned to Town Treasurer		\$158,355.03

Appropriations

Salaries	\$430,168.00	
Transferred to Other Expenses	3,000.00	
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Total Salaries		\$427,168.00
Other Expenses	\$104,051.00	
Transferred from Salaries	3,000.00	
Transferred from Marcy Street Repairs	667.02	
Transferred from Mary E. Wells Roof Repairs	650.00	
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Total Other Expenses		\$108,368.02

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

In Brief:

Total Expenditures	\$563,702.37	
Total Receipts to Town Treasurer	158,355.03	
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Net Cost to Town		\$405,347.34

A detailed financial statement will be found in the Town Accountant's report.

ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 1, 1954

Gr.	5 - 7		7 - 14		14 - 16		16 - Up		Total	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
1	97	81	9	11					106	92
2	54	38	61	54					115	92
3			97	112					97	112
4			75	70					75	70
5			70	74					70	74
6			92	86					92	86
7			76	82					76	82
8			54	58	15	8		1	69	67
9			12	16	28	43	3	4	43	63
10					35	57	17	11	52	68
11					10	8	29	36	39	44
12					9	20	25	30	34	50
Kdgn.	96	91							96	91
Un-graded			8	2	1				9	2
Trade			3		72		97		172	
Total	247	210	557	565	170	136	171	82	1,145	993
Total Southbridge Public Schools									2,138	
Total Saint Mary's School									257	
Total Notre Dame School									852	
Total Ste. Jeanne D'Arc School									300	
Grand Total (all pupils attending school in Southbridge)									3,547	

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR 1954

To the School Committee and Citizens
of Southbridge, Massachusetts

Herewith I submit my first annual report as Superintendent of Schools for the year ending December 31, 1954.

Introduction

On the national scene, the controversy regarding our public schools which burst into prominence almost ten years ago showed some evidence of abating. There has been a general movement toward a middle ground. The bitter, acrimonious attacks of the extreme critics, with a few exceptions, have subsided while the hypersensitive and defensive attitudes of some educators have been replaced by a calmer, more realistic approach to the problem of working with the public. In this meeting of minds there is great hope for education because the interest of citizens, especially of parents, is of inestimable value

to those who bear the responsibility of administering our schools.

The most significant single fact in the educational picture for 1954 was the increase in enrollment throughout the country at the beginning of the current school year.

The elementary schools, public and private have approximately 26,439,000 pupils this year—an increase of 1,394,000 over last year. The increase in secondary school population was 168,000. More than 21 percent of our total population is enrolled in the public and private institutions of education.

PROBLEMS OF SPACE

There must have been evidence of the need for more space in our public schools three years ago, since at that time a concerted effort was made to interest the community in building a new high school. In the intervening time enrollment has increased from 1958 to 2138 even though 82 pupils transferred to Tantasqua Regional High School when it opened last September. The need for more room is more critical than ever. Several of our elementary rooms have forty or more pupils. A stage is being used as a classroom. One group of youngsters meet in a room which is little more than a large closet. The crowded conditions in the elementary schools cannot help but affect the efficiency of the educational program. We must definitely face the possibility of holding double sessions next year in some of our schools so that the pupil-teacher ratio may be equalized.

Added space in any part of the system will alleviate conditions throughout the system. If it is accepted as fact that more room is needed, there remains only to decide at which level it is most feasible to direct our building plans. Since there was open public discussion about the need for a new building two years ago and since, no doubt, it has been a common subject of conversation of late, there is little need for a lengthy dissertation on the matter in this report. There are, however, certain inescapable facts which it is important to keep before you. The elementary schools are so crowded now that we are approaching a state of emergency. The wave of increased school population is just reaching the high school. The present high school building cannot, by any stretch of the imagination, house grades 8 to 12 inclusive three years from now. Something must be done while there is still time.

NEW PROJECTS

Federal Milk Program

Southbridge was the first town in Worcester County to accept the New Federal Milk Program. This is a plan by which the town is reimbursed for every bottle of milk sold in school, thereby enabling children to purchase milk at the rate of 3 cents per half pint bottle.

Driver Education

Driver Education for all eligible high school pupils in the community became a reality in November when a car was donated for that purpose by the C and L Motor Company. By the time this report is printed, the first group of twenty-four seniors shall have completed the course.

Curriculum

We are in the process of developing a curriculum guide for the entire system. The goal of this project is to place in written form the courses of study being followed in the schools of Southbridge. Committees have been formed, and every teacher is contributing to the work involved.

This amounts to an evaluation of the entire program because in the discussions attendant upon the project, consideration will be given to what we are now doing. Changes in textbooks, methods, and policies will be effected when the study indicates that such changes are desirable. In the end we shall have a compilation of courses of study in the various subjects so that each teacher may have a book to which she can turn to ascertain what is to be accomplished in any month or any year. Each activity will be a planned part of the total educational scheme of our town.

Administrative Bulletin

The principals have formed a committee for the purpose of making available an administrative bulletin which will include all the policies, rules, and regulations in force at the present time. When such important matters are not in writing there is apt to be confusion and lack of uniformity as to procedure.

SPECIAL REPORTS

The following are reports sent to the Superintendent by directors in special fields and areas of education. We hope that you will find them interesting as well as revealing.

MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL

DR. JAMES M. ROBERTSON, *Principal*

The enrollment for the year 1954-1955, as of October, is divided as follows: Seniors—85, Juniors—83, Sophomores—120, Freshmen—106, Eighth Graders—136, making a total of 530 students.

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Diplomas are granted upon completion of four different courses; namely: Academic, Commercial, Civic-Social, and Homemaking.

One hundred fourteen pupils were graduated on June 10, 1954 and their names are included in this report for information of interested citizens.

CLASS OF 1954

Vasil William Allabashi	†Eleanor Ann Labelle
*Joan Marie Anderson	†Constance Anne Lango
*Polly Joyce Anderson	*Jacqueline Margaret Lataille
*Sally Grace Anderson	Reynald Wilfred Lavallee
Lionel Lawrence Arpin	Carol Ann LeBlanc
Richard Leo Baker	Donald Eugene LeBlanc
*Cecile Marie Bibeau	Shirley Emma Lemoine
†Roberta Ann Blackburn	David Edward Letourneau
*Vivian Audrey Blood	*Janice Alice Livernoche
Richard Michael Boland	*Helen Ann Ludwin
*Beverly Joan Bouchard	Peter Goodwin Lusk
Lora Ann Boyer	Raymond Theodore Lussier
*Robert John Bozzo	Shirley Adah Mahan
Claire Romaine Brennan	Ronald John Marinelli
Patricia Jane Broadbent	James Joseph Marino, Jr.
†Judith Ann Brockway	Daniel Francis Martel
Bruce Everett Brown	†Wilma Elizabeth McDonald
Ernestine Phyllis Bruso	†Myrna Alice McKinstry
*Ann Marie Caouette	Catherine Rebecca McMahon
Richard Francis Castrucci	†James Michael
Gloria Ann Cesolini	Barbara Joan Miller
Robert George Clark	*Joan Elizabeth Montigny
Antonio George Cleri	*Eva Waclawa Morawska
*Laurette Therese Cloutier	*Holly Bryant Nickerson
*John Louis Coderre	Donald Earl Olson
Judith Madeline Colognesi	Robert Joseph O'Neill
†John Robert Confalone	*Frank Fred Ottak
*Richard Nelson Costa	Myrna Louise Peet
Pauline Cote	*Hugh Henry Coyle-Earls
Helen Cotton	*Constance Jean Fafard
Pauline Jeanne Cournoyer	Harvey Victor Gaumond
Charles Ligor Dionis	*Ruth Marion Gauthier
John Alfred Donovan	William Walter Gibb, Jr.
*Robert Paul Duff	Donald Daniel Girard
*Norbert Dupre	Calvin Ashmead Gould
*Jean Bernice Durand	*Diane Lorraine Gravel
Albert Eugene Hamel	*Patricia Anne Hall
Constance Leona Hamel	John James Sheehan
John Lawrence Hanson	Shirley Skarani
Sylvia Alberta Hatton	Paula Elizabeth Skudlark
Jeanne Lea Houle	Caroline Sarah Smith
Jeanne Theresa Jarry	*Gerald Leonard Smith
Paul Spiro Kollios	Clifford R. Steadman, Jr.
Robert Edward Kroll	Jeannette Katherine Swirbliss

*John Edward Swirbliss	John Dennis Santelli
Shirley Ann Talbot	Thomas Daniel Vangel
†Thomas Carlton Towse	Fred Elias Veber, Jr.
Barbara Myrtie Underwood	Joyce Abbie Waraika
Constance Joan Peloquin	Ronald Lloyd Willett
†Claire Constance Peloquin	†Katharine Anne Williams
*Russell Lee Peloquin	*Richard Edward Williams
Esther Mary Presutti	*Herbert Empsel Willman, Jr.
†Judith Carol Proulx	Roy Calvin Wilson
†Sharpe Ridout	Lorraine Juliet Zachara
†Charles Joseph Ryan, Jr.	*Leonard Zack
†Reginaldo Cataldo J. Salviuolo	*Sandra Ellen Zitka
	*Carol Ann Zuiss

Special Student

William David McKinstry

* General Average of 80% or above for four years.

† Members of the National Honor Society.

HOME MAKING

Home Making is a required subject for all girls enrolled in the High School. Each girl takes two double periods and one single period of this course each week.

The program is not merely a cooking and sewing course, but a training in Home Making designed to teach the fundamentals which contribute to a happy home life and to the many jobs with which a home maker should be familiar.

JUNIOR RED CROSS

The Junior Red Cross is a service organization. This group, under the able direction of Miss Luise Corbin, gives cheer and aid to the destitute, the ill, and the unfortunate.

There have been many worthwhile projects. Recently, the members of the Junior Red Cross made Babies' Bibs for the Saint Agnes Guild of the Catholic Home for Little Children in Worcester. The girls have brightened the homes of many shut-ins, both in hospitals and in homes, by distributing attractive holiday favors and trinkets.

The work of the group with the veterans supplements the tremendous task carried on by local, state, and national patriotic groups.

However, the work of the Junior Red Cross is not confined to local problems. Cognizant of the needs of many of our oversea allies, they have filled chests full of supplies that

will take care of a school of forty-eight pupils for a period of one year. Each chest costs one hundred dollars to fill. The Mary E. Wells Chapter of the Junior Red Cross has sent chests in the past to Korea and Holland. The chests this year are expected to go to Greece and Korea.

THE COMMERCIAL COURSE

The commercial program includes: Typewriting, bookkeeping, comptometry, filing, office practice and all general business courses. The Cooperative program with industry is still in operation. The course takes place in the last semester of the senior year and permits pupils to alternate work weeks with instruction weeks. The girls, four units of them, take places in reliable business institutions and have found this program most beneficial.

The equipment of the Commercial Department is kept at maximum efficiency. This year four electric typewriters were added to the department.

THE COLLEGE PREPARATORY COURSE

The college preparatory course prepares students for all leading universities and colleges in the country. Many of the pupils, receive large scholarships, a tribute to their own industry, and a tribute to the excellent instruction of their teachers. Students from this course have entered such leading institutions as: Cornell, Connecticut College for Women, Brown University, The College of the Holy Cross, Tufts, Dartmouth, University of Massachusetts, Boston University, University of Michigan, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Clark University, Rennsselaer Polytechnic Institute, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard University, Smith College, Mount Holyoke, Wellesley College, Simmons College, Columbia University, University of Connecticut, University of New Hampshire, Williams College, Colorado College, Ohio State University, The College of New Rochelle, California Institute of Technology, Georgia Institute of Technology, Pennsylvania State College, Northeastern University, plus most of the leading business colleges and nursing schools.

THE EIGHTH GRADES

The eighth grades of the school system are still housed in the high school building. The pupils receive the program opportunities of the high school and are eligible for all high school activities, including sports.

STUDENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

The Student Council of the Mary E. Wells High School plays an important part between students and administration. This organization is under the direction of Miss Constance Coderre. The values of the organization are manifold.

1. Pupils participate in or manage extra-curricular affairs.
2. Responsibility, initiative and leadership are developed.
3. Proper student-faculty relations are promoted.
4. Training in worthy citizenship is furnished.
5. The general welfare of the school is promoted.
6. The internal administration of the school is aided.

The Fred E. Corbin Chapter of the National Honor Society

The local chapter of the National Honor Society, named in honor of the late Mr. Fred E. Corbin, inducted twenty members during the past year. The most recent induction was honored by the new Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Robert Fox, who spoke at the ceremonies.

The following young people have been inducted into the society during the past year:

March 1954:

Seniors

Constance C. Peloquin
Myrna McKinstry

Roberta Blackburn
Judith Proulx

Juniors

Priscilla McIntyre

Wilfred Houde
Donald Croke

October 1954:

Seniors

Carol Benson
Shirley Holmes
Carroll Hughes

Hazel O'Claire
Margaret Polakowski
Jeanne Xanthakos

Juniors

William Clifford
Judith Davey
Joanne Houle

Nancy Hughes
Paul Meunier
Jacquelin Poirier
Paula Rubenstein

ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are held every other week. These assemblies are of immense value to any student body inasmuch as they are not only educational but explore the various phases of

school life. Furthermore, they widen and deepen the interests of the pupils and serve as a means of developing public opinion and appreciation. The types of assemblies fall into many categories:

1. Education
2. Music
3. Rallies
4. Drama
5. Club Programs
6. Movies
7. Entertainment
8. Honor Society Installation
9. Science
10. Commerce and Business
11. Observance of Special Days
12. Guidance

The assemblies are held in the auditorium of the high school. Recently, three hundred new seats were purchased for the auditorium.

RECOMMENDATIONS

There are several recommendations that I would like to make at this time:

1. That the Town look to the future and purchase land for the erection of a six-year high school. Suitable sites for such a school are being sold and developed for other purposes.
2. That the lavatory facilities be remodeled and modern equipment be installed.
3. That a complete renovation of the Science Laboratory be made. New equipment is needed to keep abreast with the rapid progress of science.
4. That a library be started and a teacher-librarian be appointed.
5. That lockers be installed to take care of pupils' personal belongings, coats, rubbers, etc.
6. That the Industrial Arts program be expanded in order that those pupils who are not interested in a Trade Education may have the benefit from allied courses.

I wish to express my appreciation to the townspeople for their continued efforts in behalf of the Mary E. Wells High School, and I extend my thanks to the School Department for support.

COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

RAYMOND L. W. BENOIT, *Director*

For whom is Vocational Education? It is for all who must acquire Vocational Education to provide a livelihood for themselves and their families. Authorities on Vocational Edu-

cation feel that this form of education should serve: first, young people in school; second, those out of school; and third, adults in the locality. We, at the Cole Trade High School, attempt to follow these principles.

We could serve more people if more room would be provided. At the opening of school this September, we had a waiting list for all trades in spite of the fact that shops and classrooms had enrolled pupils beyond the maximum suggested by the State. In the adult programs the same condition exists. For example, at the time of writing we have twenty-seven adults awaiting admittance into the Furniture Refinishing classes.

Once again I ask the public to vote an expansion to our school which will enable us to satisfy the needs of the community.

GRADUATES

Cabinet

Berry, George Edward	Day, James Mason
*Buccelli, Albert	Jackson, Vernon Lee
Colwell, Eugene Allen	Richard, Emile Lucien
Smith, William Lee	

Drafting

Leduc, Richard Norman	Metras, Arthur Raoul
†Sroka, Edward John	

Electric

Collette, Alan Alfred	Norowski, Roger Leon
Proulx, Charles Arthur	

Machine

Dusza, Robert James

Metalsmith

Larochelle, Rene Ulric	*St. Germain, Donald William
Paradis, Joseph Aime	Savaria, Arthur Richard

Printing

Swiatek, John Walter, Jr.

* Jan. Grad.

† Veteran

Awards

American Legion Post No. 31 Award (Good Citizenship)

	Vernon Jackson
Director's Gold "C"	Arthur Metras
English Award	Roger Norowski
History Award	Emile Richard
Mathematics Award	John Swiatek
Science Award	Emile Richard

Class Officers

President	Vernon Jackson
Vice President	Alan Collette
Secretary	Robert Dusza
Treasurer	Arthur Metras

Evening School

Cabinet—Mr. Frank P. Skinyon	26
Drafting—Mr. John Benson	23
Mr. George Braman	15
Furniture Refinishing—Mr. Harold Andrews	12
Mr. Stanley Naumnik	14
Mr. Antonio Orsini	24
Machine—Mr. William Paul	14
Mr. Edwin Waskiewicz	12
Soldering-Welding—Mr. George Braman	18
Apprentice Diversified—Mr. William Julien	7
Total	165

In conclusion I thank the townspeople, the School Committee, the Advisory Board, The Superintendent of Schools, The Faculty, the Office Staff, and our Custodian for their valuable aid in helping to make Vocational Education a success in the Town of Southbridge.

HEALTH REPORT

MRS. LOTTIE A. LEBLANC, R.N., *School Nurse*

Some of the more essential work being done in this department can be better understood from the following statistics:

Physical Examinations	748
Visits to Schools	252
Vision Tests	1514
Hearing Tests	1055
Home Visits	207
Conferences on health problems	700
Dental Care	236
Innocations	216
Pre-School Clinic Registration	350
Donations for milk by Lions' Club	\$800.00

Census of physically handicapped completed.

Summer camp provided for 7 children.

Special class for mentally retarded given much attention.

Five home teachers provided for children unable to go to

school; Clear Type Books were obtained from the Massachusetts Division of the Blind for two pupils.

In conclusion, I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the success of the 1954 Health Program.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

JACOB E. GOUIN, *Attendance Officer*

Absentees from January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954.

Month	Pupils	Days
January	7	28
February	3	12
March	10	20½
May	6	7½ (1 Suspended)
June	2	4
September	3	13
October	8	10 (1 Dropped & Transferred to Springfield.)
November	17	73
December	6	23
Total	62	191

BAND REPORT

MR. PAUL J. SWEET, *Director*

In submitting this, my annual report for the year 1954, I would like to deviate from my usual custom of reporting on the activities of the musical groups under my direction and instead make some specific recommendations which would substantially improve the department.

For the elementary schools there should be music stands available in each school, as I now have to transport these from the high school. A minimum of one half dozen per school would be sufficient for the present.

The high school, of course, is the biggest problem. The room now used as the band room is about one half the size it should be for the number of students using it. It could be increased to double its size by extending out into what is now an unused court yard.

If, with the expansion of the Cole Trade School, any of the rooms in the Wells building should become available, I would like to have the room adjoining the band room. This room would be used for the instrumental and vocal supervisors' offices and for the storage of all equipment for which suitable cabinets, shelves, etc. would have to be built.

There should be two steps of risers built in the band room, these to be in sections so that they could be moved to the school auditorium, or the stage of the town hall as the occasion may require. Proper lighting should be made available in the Wells Auditorium under the balcony to the right of the stage that would shed light on the players' music in the rear of the band.

A part-time string instrument teacher in the elementary grades would lead to the formation of an orchestra with subsequent carry-over to the high school.

The foregoing recommendations and requests are based on a survey I have made of many high schools in which special attention has been given to the provision of suitable quarters and equipment for the music department.

The Wells High School Band, numbering about fifty students, took part in many town activities as follows:

An exchange concert with the Norwood, Massachusetts high school band was perhaps the outstanding activity of the school year. It gave the students of both groups an opportunity of becoming more closely acquainted with each other both musically and socially. The Wells High School Glee Club co-operated in the undertaking.

Other public performances by the band were as follows:

Rotary Club, Halloween Parade, Memorial Day parade, Elks Flag Day exercises, several school assemblies including a football rally, all home football games, also two away games, (Athol and Bartlett.) The outdoor high school graduation held at Dresser Field was a wonderful experience. The annual Music Festival, conducted under the auspices of the Massachusetts Music Educators Association, Central Division, was held in Webster, May 22, 1954. The band, in its morning audition, received a rating of Excellent.

The elementary schools are being taken care of by weekly lessons in small group lessons. Music students from the four schools are brought together one night a week at the high school for full band experience. A parents' group was organized and they raised funds for the purchase of material and the making of uniforms. This group is known as the Southbridge Junior Band and went to the Music Festival. They also took part in the Memorial Day parade here in town.

Herewith is the net worth of the high school band, as of June 1, 1954.

Instruments owned by the band	\$2,159.00
Uniforms owned by the band	2,000.00
Music owned by the band	634.00
Other Equipment owned by the band	110.00
Total	<hr/> \$4,893.15

Of this amount \$2,000 was given to the band by the Southbridge Rotary Club. Amount purchased by the town over an 8-year period, \$400. The Balance of \$2,493.00 was earned by the band.

REPORT ON CHORAL MUSIC

ELLWOOD S. JENNESS, *Director*

The vocal music program in the Southbridge Public Schools continues to be characterized by a high and increasing degree of interest and enthusiasm. Many gains are in evidence, as are many needs for the adoption of measures to keep step with these gains and to nurture the growing interest.

The past year has seen a growth in the choral departments of the high school and eighth grade from about one-eighth to nearly one-third of the total school population. It has consequently been necessary to devote an increased amount of time and energy to these groups. At the same time an effort has been made to maintain the status quo in the elementary schools. The desirability of an additional teacher on the music staff, who could devote full time to the elementary program, is clearly seen for the following reasons:

1. There has been a considerable increase in the number of elementary school class rooms.
2. An elementary school music supervisor should be free to confer with the classroom teachers after school or before the afternoon session. Much of the success of the elementary school music program depends on the classroom teachers, and the supervisor should be more readily available to help them than is now possible.
3. New activities, such as rhythm band work, glee clubs, song flutes, and an improved listening program, should be initiated and developed.
4. Relieving the director of some of the elementary teaching would enable him to inaugurate classes in the high school in theory, voice instruction, history and appreciation; and to further develop the high school, trade high school, and eighth grade choral programs. Such activities are considered a necessary and integral part of the modern, forward-looking school's curriculum.

It is to be hoped that the people of Southbridge will appreciate the spiritual and social significance to their young people of an awakened interest in music, and will realize the importance of seizing every opportunity to further that interest.

GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT

SVEN O. ROSENGREN, *Director of Guidance*

In conformity with the custom of other years, a report on guidance activities during the past year is hereby respectfully submitted.

TESTING PROGRAM

Intelligence Tests

Consistent with a pattern of testing established several years ago in the Southbridge Public Schools, tests measuring scholastic aptitude were administered in October, to pupils in grades 1, 4, 7, 9, 11 and 12. The tests used were the California Tests of Mental Maturity and the Psychological Examination of the American Council of Education. The latter test was administered to the Senior Class at Mary E. Wells High School. In some instances individual psychological examinations were administered to pupils throughout the school system.

Achievement Tests

Metropolitan Achievement Tests were administered to grades 1-8. These standardized tests are administered annually to all pupils in each of these grades and can be used as diagnostic tools in teaching. The tests measure achievement in reading, vocabulary, arithmetic, English, history, geography, science and spelling. Scores achieved by each pupil were related to tables of National norms. An extensive study was made of the complete test data and a report of findings was submitted to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools. The report indicated that the children in Southbridge Public Schools were generally achieving about .5 of one year above the National group.

The objective measurement of achievement in specific subjects such as English, French, Geometry, chemistry, Physics, etc., as taught in the high school, was accomplished through use of Cooperative Tests, published by the Education Test Service at Princeton, N. J.

Aptitude Tests

On February 15, 1954 a battery of tests measuring interest, scholastic aptitude, reading comprehension, mechanical aptitude and clerical aptitude was administered to pupils in the junior classes of the Mary E. Wells High School and the Cole Trade High School. This battery was administered by the Boston University Guidance and Testing Service. Subsequent to this testing, a psychometric report for each student was developed into a vocational aptitude battery profile and used as a counselling aid in the schools.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Em-

ployment Security, administered a General Aptitude Test battery to thirty-seven seniors at the Mary E. Wells and Cole Trade High Schools in November. The results of these tests are useful in the counselling of students and also provide the Division of Employment Security with objective placement data.

Placement

A survey was conducted to determine the part time employment status of high school pupils. A break down of the findings of this survey is listed below.

Class	No.
1955 Employed	49
Unemployed	36
1956 Employed	36
Unemployed	46
1957 Employed	25
Unemployed	95

Fifty-eight percent of seniors enrolled at the Mary E. Wells High School are employed in part-time work as compared to 44% in the junior class and 20% in the sophomore class. Because of age requirements and labor laws, those students employed part time in the Sophomore and Freshmen Classes are primarily engaged in such work activities as delivery boy, paper route, house work, baby sitting, etc.

A placement file has been established in the guidance office where students may register for part-time work. As notice of vacancies are received, qualifying students are contacted and referred for possible employment.

A cooperative work plan for Senior Commercial students has been in effect for several years. In this plan, qualified students spend alternate two-week periods in an actual work situation outside of school and two weeks in the formal class room environment.

Class of 1954

Over forty percent of the members of the class of 1954 continued in further education at other institutions. The following table presents a breakdown of the entire class.

	No.	%
1. Further Education	47	41.2
Attending four year colleges	30	26.3
Attending nursing schools	8	7.0
Attending Junior Colleges	6	5.2
Attending Technical Schools	3	2.6
2. Employed in full-time work	31	27.2
3. Entered military services	18	15.8
4. Employed part-time work	7	6.2
5. Unemployed	6	5.3
6. Married (girls)	5	4.4

Occupational and Educational Information

A library of Occupational Information including books, digests, and occupational briefs has been set up in the Mary E. Wells High School. College catalogues and information bulletins are arranged on open shelves for student use. A large and current selection of these catalogues is maintained so that information on nearly all schools and colleges in the country is readily available.

In addition to the above facility, the department has provided for a series of informational talks, movies and field trips.

Counselling

The nature of counselling is dependent upon the individual variations in personalities and the types of problems being considered. Many interviews were simple in nature and were concerned with employment registration, securement of information and disclosure of personal data. Scores achieved in the many and varied standardized tests elsewhere described in this report were entered in a cumulative record folder. Pupil progress, referral data, special recommendations, etc. are also kept in these cumulative files.

A combination vocational aptitude profile chart and questionnaire is being developed for the eighth grade at the present moment. Its purpose is to provide an effective counselling device for advising pupils in their selection of courses as they enter the first year of high school.

Program of Study

Programs of study for the Cole Trade High School and the Mary E. Wells High School were produced in sufficient numbers so that each pupil selecting courses was given a copy for his personal use and for planning at home with parents.

Recommendations

1. It is recommended that a Dean of Girls be appointed in the Mary E. Wells High School to assist in the counselling program.
2. It is recommended that a reading improvement program be initiated in the Mary E. Wells High School to meet the needs of pupils who are slow readers.

The administration of a functioning guidance program would be an impossibility without the close cooperation of all school personnel. I would like at this time to express my appreciation to all principals, supervisors, and teachers for their cooperative assistance expended in behalf of this program.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

DR. LEWIS A. KYRIOS, *Director*

The general functions of our Physical Education program is to assist in providing a medium for the normal growth and natural development of each pupil. The basic aims and objectives are the same as those of education in general, for the total process of education must be considered in providing a program of education for the proper development of the child.

One of the primary functions of physical education is to develop each individual to his greatest possible physical capacity within the range of accepted educational objectives. This implies development in skill and ability as well as organic development.

Our present Physical Education Program involves over five hundred pupils, participating in regular physical education classes. All the boys and girls in grades six and seven in our elementary school have two periods of physical education each week. All the boys of our Cole Trade High School average one hour per week.

A typical Physical Education Program comprises the following: Calisthenics, Formal Activities, Games, Relays and Recreational Sports.

The curriculum is flexible in order to provide a wide range of activities for the many interests.

A closely supervised program has been organized for grades 1-5 inclusive. This program has been designed to provide students opportunities to learn basic skills, to develop good health and safety habits, to encourage leadership and good sportsmanship.

The activities are planned and organized by the Director and submitted to each classroom teacher, who in turn conducts these activities during the recess period. Approximately 30 minutes a day is given to this program.

Play Demonstration Days were held in all elementary schools during the month of June, and many parents attended.

AFTER-SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAM

This program has become very popular for more have participated in the past year. Touch football, basketball, and baseball Leagues have been organized for the boys in the elementary schools. The girls play basketball and softball. The competition between girls has been more keen and balanced. All the students participating in these activities are properly supervised by their coaches and all teams are properly clothed.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Principals, the School Health Service, and the classroom teachers for their generous collaboration and cooperation in establishing the Physical Education Program.

REPORT OF ADULT CIVIC EDUCATION

MISS CONSTANCE L'ECUYER, *Director*

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Many changes have been made in the regulations carrying out the Immigration and Naturalization Laws. The McCarran Act, or new Immigration Act dispenses with all Declaration of Intention or First Papers. Now everyone must file only one paper after residing in the United States for five years, except wives or husbands of citizens. These may file after a three-year residence in this country. Everyone must submit to finger-printing before being called for questioning. The Southbridge Police Department has been most cooperative in Finger-Printing all cases referred to them. This eliminates the necessity of the petitioner going to Worcester.

Today, legally admitted children under sixteen acquire Citizenship through the Naturalization of a parent. This is most important and this Division of the School Department is constantly on the alert to make this known to parents to get them to act immediately, before their children reach their sixteenth birthday.

A person over fifty years of age and who has lived at least twenty years in the United States is not required to read and write English fluently, but must possess a knowledge and understanding of American History and Government. This is often not understood by people applying for Citizenship.

The different National Societies of Southbridge have been most cooperative in instructing and helping their members to make application for Citizenship. This proves the societies to be truly American.

The primary aim in our Evening Adult Civic Education Classes is to give these people, newly arrived to our shores, an immediate English speaking and reading vocabulary. This, so far, has proven most successful.

Those who attended the United States History and Government Class, preparatory to applying for Citizenship, have always succeeded when meeting the Federal Examiners. Thus, we know the Community is fulfilling its obligation to the new-comer by providing help when it is most needed. The Civic Education Division is constantly corresponding near and far for pertinent data needed in applications and wishes to thank other Town of Southbridge Departments for their patient help in giving needed information or acting in the capacity of Notary Public for documents. All during the year, filing of papers, filling out of applications, transferral of pensions from foreign countries to new immigrants are arranged; provision for the immigration of parents and the posting of bonds is made; help is given in filling out Displaced Persons Reports as well as the yearly Alien Reports.

Private and Special Help for people who follow a Home

Study Course, because of inability to attend class regularly, is also undertaken. The Adult Civic Education Division of the School Department endeavors in every way to fulfill its function of giving aid to recent immigrants as well as long-standing Alien Residents. It is ever willing to help whenever called upon.

PLAYGROUND REPORT

DR. LEWIS A. KYRIOS, *Director*

The playground season began on July 12th and ended August 20th, a period of six weeks. The activities were conducted at the following areas: Charlton Street, Eastford Road, West Street, Pleasant Street and the Town Hall.

Personnel

Director — Lewis A. Kyrios

Supervision of Arts and Crafts — Mrs. Kathryn Beauregard
West Street School

Supervisor Miss Elizabeth Duhamel
Assistants Mr. Donald Marino, Miss Jane Darley,
Miss Margaret Polakowski

Pleasant Street School

Supervisor Miss Madelene Proulx
Assistants — Miss Helen Ludwin, Mr. George Barbierri

Eastford Road School

Supervisor Mr. Vincent Puracchio
Assistants Mrs. Lois Traub, Miss Mary Butler

Charlton Street School

Supervisor Mr. Roger Hebert
Assistants Mr. Joseph Marino, Miss Constance
Peloquin, Miss Antoinette Del Greco

Activities

Inter-playground competition in softball, volleyball, dodgeball and basketball was offered.

Ping Pong, zellball, horseshoes were presented as intra-playground activities.

Singing games, quiet games, swings, slides, jungle-gym and sandbox activities were listed for the "little people."

Arts and Craft

The arts and crafts exhibit was held in the Town Hall on August 19th, from 2:00 to 4:00 and from 7:00 to 9:00 P. M. Over 3500 items were displayed. Parents and friends of the children were invited and over 800 people attended this exhibition. Mrs. Kathryn Beauregard, Supervisor of Arts and Crafts, was in charge of this exhibit and did an excellent job.

Safety Program

The Safety Program was very successful as the results were excellent. There were no major accidents.

The playground program was divided in the following manner:

First Week	Organization Week
Second Week	Sports Program
Third Week	Intra-Playground Competition
Fourth Week	Amateur Shows
Fifth Week	Sports Playoffs
Sixth Week	Arts & Crafts Exhibit

Enrollment and Attendance

Total Enrollment	1385
Average Daily Attendance	660
Average Percentage of Attendance	45%
Largest Daily Attendance	765

I wish to extend my appreciation to all those who helped to make the Playground season a success.

Sincerely yours,

DR. LEWIS A. KYRIOS,
Director of Playgrounds

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION AND EVENING VOCATIONAL COURSES

Classes in evening vocational subjects were offered again this year and proved to be very well attended. The following vocational classes were started in September:

Elementary Sewing	Two classes
Advanced Dressmaking	One class
Tailoring	Two classes

University extension classes were offered in the commercial and academic fields.

Elementary Typewriting	One class
Speaking in Public	One class

These classes were conducted under the supervision of the State Department of Education and were instructed by accredited teachers.

Other classes in the vocational, commercial, and academic fields will be offered when the demand for them is sufficient to form such classes.

CAFETERIA REPORT

Audio-Visual Uses

MISS RUTH CUMMINGS, *Director*

There has not been any great increase in the use of the cafeteria this year. The count might be called better, considering the loss of students to Tantasqua, as the number of luncheons served is holding about the same as a year ago. This is due to the fact that the largest number of lunches served is to the 8th, 9th and 10th grades. This should mean that as new and larger classes come in the number of luncheons served will be greater. The Marcy Street count is larger than a year ago.

The need for new equipment is still great. The present setup is far from adequate. There is need for refrigeration, ranges, and bakers. Also, proper counter setup for quick serving, not to mention slicers, mixers, etc. The Cafeteria seating capacity is not sufficient for the demands placed upon it, and we do not have a proper Teachers' Dining Room.

The new Elementary Milk Program in the elementary schools is proving successful. We are serving all but about 400 of the elementary children. The Lion's Club takes care of those who cannot afford to pay. From all reports we are among the highest in Worcester County if not in the state. The Lion's Club are also paying for lunches for two undernourished children from Marcy Street School. The Young Women's Club of the Baptist Church are paying for one needy child in Mrs. Steenburn's room. Southbridge Evening Women's Club also paid for lunches for the needy children. These are very commendable causes because good nutrition may help these children do better work.

AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS REPORT

MR. EDWARD DESROCHES, *Director*

It is the thinking of many audio-visual education specialists that a quantitative increase in the use of audio-visual materials is usually accompanied by a qualitative increase. Our observation of audio-visual aids uses by teachers during 1954 seems to bear this out. Teachers used more audio-visual aids in 1954 and used them better than in any previous year. A total of 228 educational films, 1668 film strips, 625 lantern slides and 65 tape recording programs were requested by teachers during the year.

New Equipment

The use of film strips in the elementary schools was

greatly facilitated by the purchase of a new Spencer 500-watt film strip projector for every school. A new DeVry sound motion picture projector, and a Spencer opaque projector were also added to the Department. These additional teaching tools should do much toward the realization of the full educational potentialities of audio-visual materials.

Audio-Visual Education Course

Early in 1954, the Audio-Visual Aids Department achieved one of its main objectives. It was finally able to give the teachers of Southbridge the opportunity to enroll in a course in audio-visual education without out-of-town traveling. This course called "Integration of Audio-Visual Materials in the Curriculum" was offered through the Massachusetts Department of Education and carried both opportunity and gave a certificate upon completion of the course. Such formal instruction, coupled with the informal instruction offered by the Department, should ensure better utilization of audio-visual materials in our schools.

Student Projectionists

In order to relieve teachers of projection details and give them more time for teaching, more student projectionists were trained and added to the Student Projectionist Squad. These students have always measured up to their responsibilities and have received the approval of every teacher they have served.

Research

The director is currently conducting research on the problem of "BUILDING THE TYPE OF AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS PROGRAM WHICH SHOULD BE IN OPERATION IN THE SOUTHBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS." This work, done in partial fulfillment of the requirement for the Master's degree at Boston University, necessitates extensive investigation of all phases of an ideal program and should, therefore, be of real value in coping with many of our audio-visual aids problems in the future.

Community Service

During the past year, the Department continued its policy of assisting community organizations whenever possible. Equipment and operators were provided for the following organizations during 1954: Southbridge Women's Club, Rotary Club, Semi-Circle Club, American Legion Post, Southbridge Layman's Chiropractic Association, and the Jacob Edwards Public Library.

ART REPORT

MISS CLAIRE J. BIRTZ, *Director*

The Integrated art program in our elementary schools has been in operation for three years. The results of this planned art program can readily be seen in the work of the individual child as he progresses from the primary grades to the intermediate grades and then on to upper grades. The program has been planned to contribute to the full development of each child from the primary grades where he realizes the satisfaction of experimenting with paint and brush, crayon, cut and torn paper to the realistic stage where he gets a feeling for design and ties his experiences to his work.

In the intermediate grades, work in design, crafts and art appreciation give opportunities for creative expression to the average child as well as to the exceptionally talented. More difficult problems are offered in the upper grades; these include instruction in block printing, stenciling art of lettering, both with brush and lettering pen, advanced color harmony, design, and participation in poster contests.

Mary E. Wells High School offers an elective art course which is of great value to students who wish to further their studies in art. Students are given a thorough training in color theory, design, sketching, painting both in water color tempera and oils for advanced students. It also includes lay-out, black and white drawings for the school paper, three-dimensional work, mobiles, posters, block printing, stenciling on cloth modeling, painting scenery for school programs and planning decorations for school dances. It provides stimulating and practical problems for the average and the talented students.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

The name, date of appointment, and degrees appear in that order.

Robert L. Fox — 1954	B.S.; M.Ed.
Sven O. Rosengren — 1950	B.S.; M.Ed.
Lewis A. Kyrios — 1938	C.A.G.S.; M.A.; D.Ed.
Ellwood Jenness — 1948	B.S.
Paul J. Sweet — 1950	
Claire Birtz — 1937	
Margaret R. Connolly — 1922	
Mary F. Welch — 1954	

Mary E. Wells High School

James M. Robertson — 1937	B.S.; M.Ed; D.Ed.
Lindzay Varnam — 1943	B.S.; M.Ed.
Nora B. Adams — 1947	
Pauline M. Aucoin — 1921	B.S.Ed.

Kathryn Beauregard — 1922	A.B.; M.A.
Rose Brodeur — 1939	B.S.; M.A.
Eva Casavant — 1933	B.S.; M.A.
Laura Chapman — 1953	A.B.
Constance Coderre — 1929	B.S.
Luiſe B. Corbin — 1923	
Edward Desroches — 1949	A.B.
Paul A. Duhart — 1949	B.S.Ed.
Thecla Fitzgerald — 1926	A.B.; M.Ed.
Robert F. Hart — 1952	A.B.; M.A.
C. Estelle Hefner — 1933	Ph.B.
Everett H. Holmes — 1945	A.B.; M.Ed.
Persis F. Howe — 1930	B.S.Ed.
Barbara H. Kyrios — 1940	B.S.Ed.
Eino Laakso — 1945	A.B.; M.A.
Claude Lacouture — 1948	B.S.
Arthur D. Lane — 1948	M.Ed.; M.A.
Harry J. McMahon — 1926	Ph.B.; M.Ed.
Elinor Small — 1945	A.B.; M.Ed.
Flora Tait — 1939	B.S.Ed.; M.A.
Frances Troy — 1927	B.S.Ed.
Elsie Wanerka — 1945	B.S.Ed.
John E. Welch — 1948	B.S.; M.Ed.

Cole Trade High School

Raymond L. W. Benoit — 1949	B.S.; M.Ed.
Maureen A. Baybutt — 1946	
Elsie A. Hofstra — 1933	
John L. Benson — 1942	B.S.Ed.
George H. Braman — 1938	
Francis E. Couture — 1945	Leave of Absence
Walter J. Glondek — 1938	
Ernest Hall — 1926	
William C. Nickerson — 1941	
William B. Paul — 1942	
Rosaire Pariseau — 1953	Substitute
Eugene J. Remian — 1949	B.S.Ed.
Frank P. Skinyon — 1934	B.S.Ed.
Lawrence F. Swenson — 1932	
Edwin J. Waskiewicz — 1952	
Stanley Naumnik — 1954	B.S.Ed.

Charlton Street School

R. Joseph Racine — 1944	A.B.; M.Ed.
Dorothy Berthiaume — 1954	A.B.
Lorene Fierro — 1953	B.S.
Elizabeth Duhamel — 1953	B.S.
Lorraine Gagne — 1954	B.S.
Helen Golden — 1948	
Claire A. Kirk — 1949	

Gwen Kuszewski — 1954	
Dorothy Locke — 1943	
Ruth Mahan — 1948	B.S.
Anthony B. Sapienza — 1954	B.S.
Marie J. Saunders — 1924	

Eastford Road School 1-7

Raoul O. Lataille — 1939	A.B.; M.Ed.
T. Thomas Finnerty — 1948	A.B.; M.A.
Bertha E. Foley — 1912	
Irene V. Gough — 1914	
Dagmar Irwin — 1954	
Cathryn Maxwell — 1945	
Julia C. Morrill — 1914	
Malcolm Nash — 1948	M.Ed.
Mary B. Puracchio — 1951	B.S.
Vincent J. Puracchio — 1950	A.B.; M.A.
Dorothy Simpson — 1954	B.A.
Florida Tarquinio — 1942	B.S.Ed.

Marcy Street School

Constance M. L'Ecuyer — 1940	B.S.Ed.; M.A.
*Joseph Angelini — 1952	A.B.
Patricia P. Callahan — 1939	B.S.Ed.; M.Ed.
Elizabeth Curtis — 1944	A.B.; B.S.Ed.
Alice Wixted Dion — 1926	
Josette Dupuis — 1948	A.B.
Martha Koprowski — 1954	B.S.
Ruth Huson — 1945	
Myrtle B. Jodrey — 1944	
Thomas F. Mahoney — 1954	B.S.
* Military Leave of Absence	

Mechanic Street School

Anita Sfreddo — 1953	Mus.B.
Clara M. Reed — 1918	
Marie E. Skaza — 1949	
Madelene Y. Proulx — 1954	B.S.

West Street School

Laurenda Boyer — 1926	
Yolande Augusto — 1951	B.S.Ed.
William L. Haith — 1954	B.A.
Nancy A. Jodrey — 1954	B.A.
Gilbert O. Lamarre — 1954	B.A.
Eva P. Salviuolo — 1943	B.S.Ed.
Dorothy M. Sheriff — 1945	
Anne Skudlark — 1954	
Celestine C. Sweet — 1932	
Evangeline R. Towse — 1948	B.S.Ed.; M.Ed.

Special Teachers

William E. Rinehart — 1952	
Louise E. Steenburn — 1949	

CHANGE OF TEACHERS

Left

January—Jane Rankine	West Street
February—Daniel J. Hobart	Mary E. Wells High
March—*Emery A. Lavallee	Cole Trade High
June—Helen Boucher	Mary E. Wells High
June—Harold A. Andrews	Cole Trade High
June—Leah Sax Cohen	Charlton Street
June—Priscilla Quirk	Charlton Street
June—Owen F. Ryder, Jr.	Charlton Street
June—Mary Brady	Marcy Street
June—Kathleen Burns	Marcy Street
June—Farncis Flanagan	Marcy Street
June—Gladys Scott	Mechanic Street
June—Marjorie F. Campbell	West Street
July—Robert H. McCarn	Supt. of Schools
October—Emily F. Roberts	West Street
December—Lorene Fierro	Charlton Street

*Retired

Appointments

October—Robert L. Fox	Supt. of Schools
September—Martha Koprowski	Marcy Street
September—Thomas F. Mahoney	Marcy Street
September—William L. Haith	West Street
September—Gilbert Lamarre	West Street
September—Anne Skudlark	West Street
October—Nancy Jodrey	West Street
September—Madelene Proulx	Mechanic Grade I
September—Dorothy Berthiaume	Charlton Street
September—Lorene S. Fierro	Charlton Street
September—Gwen M. Kuszewski	Charlton Street
September—Anthony Sapienza	Charlton Street
September—Lorraine Gagne	Charlton Street
October—Dorothy Locke	Charlton Street
September—Dagmar Irwin	Eastford Road
September—Dorothy Simpson	Eastford Road
September—Stanley Naumnik	Cole Trade High

CHANGE OF JANITORS

Appointments

†1954—Joseph Brouillard	Marcy Street
†Replacing Rodolphe L'Homme (deceased)	

JANITORS

1947—Frederick P. Alger	Mary E. Wells High
1954—Joseph Brouillard	Marcy Street
1946—John B. Craite	Cole Trade High
1942—Armand Gaumond	Mechanic Street
1952—Wilfred P. Gauthier	West Street
1952—Adelard Lavallee	Mary E. Wells High
1943—Theophile Leduc	Charlton Street
1941—Joseph Moore	Eastford Road
1949—Eugene Tetreault	Pleasant Street
1953—George St. Martin	Mary E. Wells High

Conclusion:

An annual report must, by its very nature, be a superficial effort to keep the citizens of a community informed about its schools. Even such a report, however, may bring questions to the minds of readers which can only be answered by investigation and enlightenment. We shall grasp any opportunity to place further information before you; we shall work continually for the betterment of the schools of Southbridge; we shall accept any constructive, or even well-meant criticism with the firm conviction that the growth of the system is dependent, ultimately, upon the will of the people.

This report could not be considered complete without a final note of appreciation to a School Committee which holds the welfare of the children as its criterion in the solution of its problems; to a fine, hardworking staff and to all who in word or deed have been helpful in the physical, spiritual, and intellectual development of the children of our town.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT L. FOX,
Superintendent of Schools

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TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

YEAR ENDING

December 31, 1955

SOUTHBRIDGE TYPESETTING COMPANY
SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS
1956

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1955

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

Armand O. DeGrenier, Chairman	1955
J. Gerard Nolet, Clerk	1955
Wesley K. Cole	1955

Treasurer

Norbert C. Benoit	1958
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Town Clerk

Clare Boyer

Public Welfare

Ovide Desrosiers, Chairman	1956
Raymond Boucher	1958
Hermas Lippe, Clerk	1957
Lillian Proulx	

Old Age Assistance

Ovide Desrosiers, Chairman

Raymond Boucher

Hermas Lippe

Assessors

Charles Normandin, Chairman	1956
Rosario Arpin, Clerk	1958
Ernest Farland	1956

Board of Health

Dr. Raymond Haling, Chairman	1956
Dr. Armand DeGrenier, Clerk	1957
Henry Demers	1958
Ernest Tetreault, Agent	Marguerite Houle, Nurse

School Committee

Belmore St. Amant	1958
Linia Beck	1956
Lorenzo Beaupre	1957
Eugene Leblanc	1956
Paul A. Roy	1957
Ralph Racicot	1958

World War Memorial Trustees

Armand O. DeGrenier	1955
William Berry	1957
Albert J. Tremblay	1956
Ovila Donais	1958

Stavre Yanka	1957
Hormidas Beaudry	1956

Cemetery Committee

Jesse Blackburn	1958
George Dumas	1956
Lectance Landry	1957

Constables

Bernard Richard	1957
Raoul Meunier	1958
Blaise Trudeau	1956

Tax Collector

Elizabeth Duhamel	1957
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Planning Board

James Fallon	1959
Roland A. Pontbriand	1960
Edward Walsh	1957
William B. O'Shaughnessy	1958
Raymond Lataille	1956

Sewer Commissioners

Edgar McCann	1958
Raymond Bachand	1957
Alfred Gaudreau	1956

Park Commissioners

Hormidas Beaudry	1955
James F. Lapriore	1957
Joseph G. Gendreau	1958

Moderator

Rosario Normandin	1955
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Commissioners of Trust Fund

Vincent T. Walsh	1958
James Fallon	1956
Charles Hart	1957

Tree Warden

Chester J. Maska	1955
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Southbridge Housing Authority

Herminigilde O. J. Cournoyer	1956
Leon Livernois	1959
Lionel Duval	1960
Francois Sansoucy	1958
Louis J. Ciprari, appointed by the State	

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

Assistant Clerk to Selectmen

Lionel A. Lafleche 1955

Town Accountant

Leon Caron 1956

Town Counsel

Robert Niedermeyer 1955

Town Engineer

Henry Racicot 1955

Veterans' Benefit Agent

Roland G. Hetu 1955

Veterans' Service Department

Roland G. Hetu 1955

Care of Town Clock

Earl O'Clair 1955

Recreation Committee

Frank Skinyon 1955	Norman Staves 1955
Willard Stark 1955	Lorenzo Beaupre 1956
John E. Merrill 1956	Lewis Kyrios 1955
Louis Brunelle 1956	Henry Racicot 1955
Francis Ashe 1956	Louis VanderNoot 1956
Joseph Duffy 1956	Joseph Gendreau 1956
Armand Bellerive, Jr. 1956	Leo Poirier
Alfred Vecchia	Samuel Soter
Raymond Dartt	Dona Beaulieu
Napoleon Blanchard	James Lapriore

Superintendent of Schools

Robert L. Fox 1955

Keeper of Lock-up

Ovide Desrosiers 1955 Louis Bucci, Ass't. 1955

Custodian of Town Hall

Oliver Proulx 1955

Animal Inspector

Alcide Fournier 1955

Plumbing Inspector

Arthur Ballard 1955

Building Inspector

A. Raymond Dartt 1955

Wire Inspector

Arthur Eno 1955

By-Law Committee

D. W. Morrill Mitchell Kurposka Alfred Ferron
John O. Martin J. Belden Sly Oswald Laliberte

Registrars of Voters

Ferdinand Lemoine 1958 Timothy Moriarty 1956
Richard Pinsonneault 1957 Clare Boyer, Ex-Officio

Fire Department

Oswald Meunier, Chief Daniel Daniels, Dep. Chief

Moth Superintendent

Chester J. Maska 1955

Superintendent of Fire Alams

Norman Larochele, appointed by Fire Dept. 1955

Fire Wardens, Appointed by Fire Chief

Oswald Meunier 1955 Albert Servant 1955
Joseph Mandeville 1955 Rosario Bellerose 1955
Emile Caouette 1955 Archie Langevin 1955
Romeo Lippe 1955 Daniel Daniels 1955
Harry Michaels 1955

Fence Viewers

Euclid Gatineau 1955 Herman Giroux 1955
Alphonse Renna 1955 August Kowalski 1955

Finance Committee

Phillip Lewis 1958 Clifford Eaton 1958
Bernard Sherry 1956 W. J. Lusignan 1955
Valmore Gauthier 1956 Joseph Swiacki 1955
Joseph Piasta 1956 Rockford Lavoie 1955
Armand Lacasse 1956 Theophile Morin 1955
Norman Brodeur 1956 Leopold Lemmelin 1955
John Rischitelli 1955
Norman Leathers 1955

Honor Roll Committee

Raymond Benoit 1955 Doris Loiselle 1955
Ronaldo Guertin 1955 Armand DeAngelis 1955
Louis Gubb 1955 Hector Brodeur 1955
Bernard Beauregard 1955

Measurer of Wood and Bark

Thomas L. Hughes 1955 John J. Hogan, Jr. 1955
Clifford McKinstry 1955 Royce Fitzpatrick 1955

Field Drivers

Charles Chamberland 1955 Jacob Gouin 1955
Paul Quinn 1955

Soldiers Burial Officers

William J. Congdon 1955 Arthur Eno 1955

Public Weighers

Jacob Edwards 1955 Royce Fitzpatrick 1955
Ralph McKinstry 1955 Doris Ryan 1955
Loretta Fitzpatrick 1955 Argentina Damian 1955
William Cox 1955 Rita Damian 1955
Beatrice Peloquin 1955 Arthur Gendron 1955
Harry Michaels 1955 Constance Matys 1955

Zoning Board of Appeals

Peter Graf 1955 Edgar McCann 1956
Edward Seremet 1955

Dog Officer

Ernest Cadarette 1955

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Gerard R. Lariviere 1955

Care of Veterans Graves

William J. Congdon 1955

Retirement Board

Leon Caron 1956 Theodore Kwarciak 1957
Signe E. Braman 1958

Airport Committee

Edgar Lewis 1959 Emile Arsenault 1957
William LeGate 1956 Albert DiGregorio 1958
Louis Stevens 1960

Library Trustees for the Town

Edward P. Sheehan 1957 Oswald Laliberte 1956
Dr. Nerio Pioppi 1955

Pound Keeper

Frederick H. Dowling 1955

Superintendent of Streets

Joseph Benoit 1955

Committee for Revaluation of Property

Arthur Smith 637 Elm Street
William Horsley 157 Chapin Street
Bernard Sherry 2 Chapin Court

Ernest Fontaine 41 Warren Street
Robert Coderre 452 Hamilton Street

Wage Survey Committee

Appointed by Town Moderator at Town Meeting, March 9, 1953

Edgar Tremblay 73 Moon Street
Paul Quinn 8 Woodland Street
Marie Lariviere 76 Everett Street
Joseph V. Langevin 104 Mechanic Street
Ernest Farland 15 Chestnut Street

Southbridge Radio Officer — Civil Defense

Charles McLam 89 Dennison Lane

Board of Review

Mario DeAngelis, Chairman 12 Lebanon Hill
Ernest Farland 15 Chestnut Street
George W. Laughnane 562 Hamilton Street

JURY LIST

MALE

Name — Residence	Business or Occupation and Address of Employer or Business
Abrahamson, Stanley F., 26 Franklin Ter.	Milk Salesman, Deary Bros., Webster
Allard, Omer P., 380 Charlton St.	Tool & Diemaker, Globe Tool & Die Co., Main St., Southbridge, Mass.
Ashton, Francis W., 172 Dresser St.	Optical Foreman, AOC., Mechanic St., Southbridge, Mass.
Asselin, Gerard J., 9 Rose St.	Unemployed
Bachand, Edward E., 16 Williams St.	Carpenter, Argentieri, Providence, R. I.
Beaudry, John M., 12 Charlton St.	Part time counterman, Spectown Diner, Hamilton St., Southbridge
Beaudry, Joseph A., 468 Hamilton St.	Painter, Eugene Leduc, 1 Ash St., Southbridge
Beaupre, Arthur H., 235 Mechanic St.	Opt. Wkr., AOC., Mechanic St., Southbridge, Mass.
Bednarczyk, John J., 201 Everett St.	Tool & Diemaker, AOC., Mechanic St., Southbridge
Belanger, Lionel, 23 Twinehurst Pl.,	Extruder Opr., Monsanto Chem. Co., Plastics Div., Springfield 2, Mass.
Belrose, Harold N., 92 North St.	Grinder-Ind. Cutlery Hyde Mfg. Co., Eastford Rd., Southbridge
Bibeau, Rodolphe J., 53 Worcester St.	Machinist, AOC., Mechanic St., Southbridge
Blair, Alfred F., 85 Worcester St.	General Trucking, 85 Worcester St., Southbridge
Blais, Napoleon J., 402 Worcester St.	Optical Worker, United Lens Co., Worcester St., Southbridge
Blanchette, Leon, 27 Union St.	Carpenter, Sbdge. Lumber & Sup. Co., Central, S'bridge
Bolduc, Albert A., 245 Mechanic St.	Opt. wkr., AOC., Mechanic St., Southbridge, Mass.
Bombardier, Joseph, 30 Cohasse St.,	Maintenance, Publick House, Sturbridge
Cabana, Arthur J., 58 Moon St.	Insp. on rifle parts, Harrington Richardson Arms Co., Park Ave., Worcester

Caron, Philias, 16 Water St. Fireman, Harrington Mem.
 Hosp., South St., Southbridge
 Caron, Anatole J., Jr., 33 Crystal St. Salesman,
 Desrosier Buick Co.,
 Mechanic St., Southbridge
 Chapdelaine, Ernest A., 2 Oliver St. Opt. Wkr., AOCo.,
 Mechanic St., Southbridge
 Clifford, Richard F., 327 Hamilton St. Laborer, State
 Highway Div., Worcester
 Cloutier, Armand G., 400 Main St. Truer, AOCo.,
 Mechanic St., Southbridge
 Costa, James V., 18 Franklin Ter. Polisher-grinder,
 Hyde Mfg. Co.,
 Eastford Rd., Sbdge.
 Costa, George V., 76 Elm St. Watchman, Hyde Mfg. Co.,
 Eastford Rd., Southbridge

 Daigle, Alexander A., 67 Highland St. Foreman,
 Machine Shop, AOCo.,
 Mechanic St., Southbridge
 Darzenkiewicz, Walter J., 16 Wardwell Ct. Tool & Die Mkr.,
 Pratt & Whitney, E. Hartford, Conn.
 DiMarco, Fiore A., 139 Mechanic St. Backtender, Printer's
 Helper, Sbdg. Fin. Co., Sbdge.
 Dufault, Joseph, 155 Mechanic St. Laborer, Mass. Dept.
 Dept. Public Wks., Boston
 Dumas, Francis D., 12 Ames St. Leather Cutter, AOCo.,
 Mechanic St., Southbridge
 Duquette, Albert F., 14 Worcester St. Textile Wkr., Bellefont
 Dyeing Co., Sturbridge
 Durocher, Joseph G., 103 Pine St. Edge Grinder, Hyde Mfg.,
 Eastford Rd., Southbridge, Mass.
 Duval, Lawrence E., 12 Charlton St. Appr. Oper. Eng. on
 Gas & Diesel Shovels,
 Collins Bros., Springfield, Mass.

 Ethier, Louis G., 383 Elm St. Taxi Driver, SkyLine,
 312 Main St., Southbridge

 Farland, Ernest A., 15 Chestnut St. Lens Molder, AOCo.,
 Mechanic St., Southbridge
 Flood, Henry F., 326 Main St. Retired Clerk
 Fontaine, Lucien, 240 Charlton St. Machinist, AOCo.,
 Mechanic St., Southbridge
 Fournier, Joseph H., 55 off West St. Wet Grinder, Hyde
 Mfg. Co., Eastford Rd., Southbridge
 Freeland, Raymond, 348 Main St. Opt. Wkr., United Lens Co.,
 Worcester St., Southbridge

Gasperski, Carrol J., 215 Dresser Hill Rd.	Farm work
Gaumond, Armand I., 711 Main St.	Trucking, self-employed
Gaumond, Harvey W., 161 Mechanic St.	Taxi Driver, SkyLine, Main St., Southbridge
Gendreau, Joseph U., 165 Pleasant St.	Knife Maker, Russell Harrington Co., River St., Southbridge
Gendron, Albert, 184 Morris St.	Feeder, AOCo., Mechanic St., Southbridge
Gouin, Rheo J., 60 Union St.	Truck driver, CPC Engineering Corp., Route 20, Sturbridge
Graf, Peter, 205 Main St.	Foreman, AOCo., Mechanic St., Southbridge, Mass.
Gravel, Lionel, 432 Charlton St.	Opt. Wkr., AOCo., Mechanic St., Southbridge
Gurka, Edward G., 267 Main St.	Pricer, AOCo., Mechanic St., Southbridge
Hebert, Armand F., 55 Coombs St.	Mach. Opr., Harrington-Richardson, Worcester
Hetu, Roland G., 788 Worcester St.	Veterans Agent, Town of Southbridge
Houde, Harmel E., 43 Randolph St.	Supervisor, AOCo., Mechanic St., Southbridge
Jolin, Jean B., 811 Worcester St.	Lens Grinder, AOCo., Mechanic St., Southbridge
Kacavich, John P., 624 Main St. ..	Aircraft Wkr., Pratt & Whit. Aircraft, E. Hartford, Conn.
Kingsbury, Walter E., 19 Franklin Ter.	Lens Setter, AOCo., Mechanic St., Southbridge
Lacasse, Armand, 474 Charlton St.	Prod. Foreman, AOCo., Mechanic St., Southbridge
Lacasse, Hormidas J., 2 Lens Ct.	Opt. Wkr., AOCo., Mechanic St., Southbridge
LaFleche, Albert R., 121 Everett St.,	Opt. Wkr., AOCo., Mechanic St., Southbridge
Lajeunesse, Leopold J., 66 Central St.	Dry Cleaners, Spectown Cl., 69 Eastford Rd., Southbridge
Laliberte, Oliver, 71 River St.	Zyl. Polisher, AOCo., Mechanic St., Southbridge
Lambert, Henry, 175 Morris St.	Polisher, AOCo., Mechanic St., Southbridge
Lamontagne, Israel N., RFD #2, Southbridge	Part time farming - unemployed

Lange, Eugene F., 112 Hamilton St. Ins. Agt., John Hancock Mut. Life Ins. Co., Southbridge
 Landry, Lactance J., 62 Lovely St. Opt. wrk., AOC Co., Mechanic St., Southbridge
 LaPointe, Raymond A., 84 Cross St. Consc. wrk., Crotty Bros., c/o AOC Co., Mechanic, Sbdge.
 LaPorte, Alexis, 119 West St. Textile wrk., Ames Worsted Co., Southbridge
 LaRiviere, Ubald A., 102 Lebanon St. Cutlery wrk., Russell-Harr., River St., Sbdg.
 LeBel, Robert W., 43 Randolph St. Opt. wrk. AOC Co., Mechanic St., Southbridge
 Leblanc, Leon L., 370 Hamilton St., Mach. Equip. Painter, AOC Co., Mechanic St., Southbridge
 Leblanc, Wilfred J., 219 Charlton St. Machinist, Russell-Harr., River St., Sbdge.
 LeBoeuf, Roland A., 27 Chestnut St. Asst. Mgr., F. W. Woolworth, 309 Main St., Southbridge
 LePain, Arthur J., 236 Marcy St. Br. & Pastry Salesman, self-employed
 Libera, Joseph, 9 Ballard Ct. Custodian, High Sch., Marcy St., Southbridge
 Livernois, Alfred E., 101 Worcester St. Carpenter, H. U. Bail, Southbridge
 Lesniewski, Thaddeus A., 111 Woodstock Rd. Toolmaker, AOC Co., Mechanic St., Sbdge.
 Loranger, Edward W., 127 Pleasant St. Steelworker, Amer. Steel Div., Worcester, Mass.

 Martel, Napoleon J., 7 Prospect St. Cook
 Mathieu, Isaac, 129 Charlton St. Janitor, Mathieu's Shoe Store, 22 Elm St., Sbdge.
 Matte, Armand H., 61 Guelphwood Rd. Opt. Wkr., AOC Co., Mechanic St., Southbridge
 Matte, Archille J., 262 Mechanic St. Cutlery Wkr., Hyde Mfg Co., Eastford Rd., Sbdge.
 McCann, George F., 43 Worcester St. Janitor, A. O. Co., Mechanic St., Southbridge, Mass.
 Misiaszek, Thadeus A., 423 Charlton St. Clerk, Jul. Florsheim, 280 Main St., Southbridge
 Mogavero, Albert A., 49 Clark St. Con. Wrk., F. J. Shields Inc. 91 Central St., Southbridge
 Moriarty, James B., 150 Pleasant St. Stock Clerk, Ames Worsted, Southbridge
 Mundell, Homer W., 70 Cole Ave. Steamfitter, Tasse Inc., Main St., Southbridge

Nichols, Thomas J., 33 Fiske St. Taxi Driver, Vets Cab Co.,
Main St., Southbridge

Nytko, John T., 147 Pleasant St. Textile Wkr., Ellis Woolen
Mill, Monson, Mass.

Olson, George P., 733 South St. Mach. Opr., AOC.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge

Paquette, Walter O., 257 Alpine Dr. Opt. Clerk, AOC.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge

Paquin, William, 35 Worcester St. Lens gauger, AOC.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge

Patenaude, George J., 12 Pine St. Cutlery wkr., Hyde
Mfg. Co., Eastford Rd., Sbdge.

Paul, Wilbrod J., 395 Elm St. Opt. Wkr., AOC.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge

Paulhus, Andrew A., 56 Taft St. Inspector, AOC.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge, Mass.

Peloquin, Armand, 86 Worcester St. Plastic moulder, AOC.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge

Pezzetti, John E., 410 Elm St. Ins. Agt., John Hancock,
255 Main St., Southbridge

Pinsonneault, Wilfred L., 109 Pine St. Cutlery Wkr., Hyde
Mfg. Co., Eastford Rd., Sbdge.

Pinsonneault, Richard G., 33 Orchard St. Press Opr., AOC.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge

Plasse, Herman, 319 Charlton St. Opt. Wkr., AOC.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge

Potvin, Henry, 142 Pleasant St. Opt. Wkr., AOC.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge

Prunier, Leon T., 83 Elm St. Mach. opr., Harrington &
Richardson, Rochdale, Mass.

Richards, David, 39 Worcester St. Retired roofer

Richer, Gerald A., 8 Lens St. Head Shipper, AOC.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge

Roulier, Emile C., 31 Franklin Ter. Toolmkr., AOC.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge

Sadowski, Joseph J., 80 Cisco St. Moulder, A. O. Co.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge

Sansoucy, Leonard E., 31 Hamilton St. Layout man, AOC.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge

Santo, Dominic, 28 Lebanon Hill Toolmaker, AOC.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge

Serleto, John F., 18 Park St. Met. Comb. Win. Dealer,
Iver J. Erikson Inc., 27 Mountain
St. W., Worcester, Mass.

Servant, Clovis E., 99 Breakneck Rd. Aircraft wkr,
 Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, E. Hartford, Ct.
 Simpson, Andrew H., 85 South St. Electrician, Ames
 Worsted Co., Mill St., Sbdge.
 Stypulkowski, Anthony, 110 Old Strbr. Rd. Car Salesman,
 Hoginski Motor Sale Inc.,
 Worcester St., Southbridge
 Szydlik, Edward S., 28 Meadowbrook Stock Clerk, AOC_o,
 Mechanic St., Southbridge

 Talbot, Ernest, 29 Central St., Taxi Driver, Vets Cab Co.,
 Main St., Southbridge
 Tasciotti, Ralph, 31 Morris St. Blade Honer, Russell-Harr.
 Co., River St., Southbridge
 Tavernier, Omer J., 10 Lens St. Press Opr., AOC_o,
 Mechanic St., Southbridge
 Therrien, Armand, 57 Crystal St. Clerk, Therrien's Mkt.,
 4 Lens St., Southbridge
 Thompson, Robert B., RFD #2, Eastford Rd. Machinist,
 AOC_o, Mechanic St., Southbridge
 Trahan, Ovila, 16 Clark St. Cabinet Maker, AOC_o,
 Mechanic St., Southbridge
 Tremblay, Albert J., 240 Marcy St. Frame Mkr., AOC_o,
 Mechanic St., Southbridge
 Tremblay, Leodore L., 274 Charlton St. Supervisor, AOC_o,
 Mechanic St., Southbridge

 Vecchia, Albert D., 60 Sayles St. Carpenter, R. H. White Co.,
 Oxford, Mass.

 Walsh, Vincent T., 23 Edwards St. Sales Counsellor,
 Sears-Roebuck & Co.,
 Central St., Southbridge
 Wild, George, 187 Worcester St., Cabinet Mkr. Dani & Soldani,
 Vinton St., Southbridge, Mass.
 Whiteoak, Arthur, 416 Worcester St. Textile Wkr.,
 Charlton Woolen Co., Charlton

 Yates, Raymond, 40 Marsh Ave. Candy Mach. Serviceman,
 F & W Prod. Corp., 1357 Wash. St.
 W. Newton, Mass.

 Zaszycki, Ignac, 360 Worcester St., Tool & Die Mkr., A. O. Co,
 Mechanic St., Southbridge, Mass.
 Zierold, Walter, 84 Park Ave. Crompton & Knowles,
 Loom Works, Worcester, Mass.
 Zuiss, Edward, 367 Hamilton St. Boiler Fireman, A. O. Co.,
 Mechanic St., Southbridge, Mass.

FEMALE

Name — Residence	Business or Occupation and Address of Employer or Business
Bachand, Mabel F., 43 Randolph St.,	Husband employed by AOC Co., as shipping clerk
Benoit, Roseanna, 11 South St.	Husband employed by AOC Co., as lens polisher
Boisvert, Eleanord, 65 River St.	Husband retired
Bouthillier, Mae, 92 North St.	Widow, Waitress, Mathieu Diner, Central St., Southbridge, Mass.
Carpentier, Jeannette, 246 Mechanic St.	Final insp. on a Conveyor, Russell-Harr. Cutl.
Collette, Rose E., 165 Pleasant St.	Housewife and Husband retired
Costa, Magdalini G., 91 Central St.	Husband employed by AOC Co. as a night watchman
Cournoyer, Yvonne, C., 22 Locust Ave. ..	Husband employed by United Br. Sales as baker
Decker, Florence D., 206 Chapin St.	Part time Board of Health Office, Southbridge
Dubreuil, Julia, 174 Hamilton St.	At home
Gaudette, Lucy T., 601 Woodstock Rd.	Timekeeper at Russell- Harington Cutlery Co.
Gaumond, Stephanie, 711 Main St.	Husband self-employed, trucking
Gravel, Loretta, 215 Hamilton St.	Husband employed by Pratt & Whitney as lathe wkr.
Jalbert, Mabel E., 171 Sayles St.	Assembler in Harvey- Wells Electronics, Southbridge
Lacasse, Loretta J., 45 Chapin St.	Unemployed
Lafleche, Lea, 282 Mechanic St.	Husband employed by Hyde Mfg. Co. as knife steel annealer
Lariviere, Beatrice M., 102 Lebanon St. ..	Husband employed by Russell-Harr. Cutl. Co., as a cutlery finisher
LaRiviere, Marie E., 97 Everett St.	Husband employed by Town of Southbridge as Sealer of Weights & Measures
Latham, Rose A., 67 Charlton St.	Speeder tender at Ames Worsted Co., Southbridge

Lavallee, Lillian L., 126 Litchfield Ave. Husband employed
 by School Dept., Westerly, R. I.,
 Teacher
 Lippe, Isidora A., 214 Marcy St. Husband employed by
 AOC Co., as Tool and Diemaker
 Mathieu, Orienda, 129 Charlton St. Husband employed by
 Mathieu's Shoe Store as janitor
 Metras, Blanche, 346 Charlton St. Husband employed by
 AOC Co., as foreman
 Proulx, Liliane G., 70 Everett St. Welfare Agent
 Russell, Mary R., 86 Hamilton St. At home
 Salek, Alice G., 801 Worcester St. Husband employed by
 Worc. Co. Elec. Co., as
 Electric Sub-station Opr.
 Shepard, Rose P., 77 Hamilton St. Husband retired
 Sullivan, Evelyn E., 40 South St. Husband employed by
 R. Craite, as a baker
 Tremblay, Blanche A., 614 Main St. Spinner
 Trudeau, Atwilda, 50 Central St. Husband employed by
 Sky Line Taxi Co.
 as taxi driver
 Varin, Laura A., 110 Mechanic St. Husband employed by
 AOC Co., as foreman

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The Board organized March 8, 1955. Dr. Armand O. DeGrenier was appointed chairman of the Board; J. Gerard Nolet was appointed Clerk of the Board, and Wesley K. Cole serving as third member of the Board.

The year of 1955 was the third year that the Highway Department has been under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen. The cooperation and services given to the town by the Highway Department has been commendable.

The most important repair that was made to the town hall building was the renovation of the main floor lobby and corridor; both stairways leading up to the second floor and terminating at the entrance of the auditorium.

On August 18 and 19 a disastrous flood condition caused by hurricane Dianne afflicted untold hardship on the citizens and industries of our town. A state of emergency was declared on August 19, at 11 a. m. by the Board. We wish to express our deep appreciation for the services rendered to our town by civic, fraternal and charitable organizations.

Mr. Henry Racicot, the town engineer, was appointed the liaison officer to take care of all emergency problems that were directly concerned with the state and federal government.

Through the cooperation of Rep. Leo Cournoyer and Sen. Paul H. Benoit, the Board of Selectmen, and the Town Engineer, Mr. Henry Racicot, and the Sewer Commissioners, a special bill was passed in the State Legislature authorizing a new sewerage treatment plant to be erected in Southbridge to replace the system damaged by the flood of August 18 and 19.

A more detailed account of the flood damages and proposed improvements to the various channels will be found in the report of the Town Engineer.

Liquor Licenses:

6	Club All-Alcoholic	\$300.00	\$ 1,800.00
3	Club Wine and Malt	100.00	300.00
2	Innholder All-Alcoholic	600.00	1,200.00
12	Restaurant All-Alcoholic	500.00	6,000.00
12	Restaurant Wine and Malt	200.00	2,400.00
4	Package Goods All-Alcoholic	300.00	1,200.00
6	Package Goods Wine and Malt	100.00	600.00
5	Drug All-Alcoholic	50.00	250.00
2	Special Wine and Malt	25.50	51.00
2	Special Wine and Malt	8.50	8.50

5	Seasonal All-Alcoholic	150.00	750.00
13	One-Day Wine and Malt	1.00	13.00
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			\$14,580.00

Miscellaneous Licenses:

2	Innholders	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.00
18	Taxi Drivers	1.00	18.00
4	Taxi Owners	1.00	4.00
52	Pinball Machines	20.00	1,040.00
5	Sunday Store	3.00	15.00
5	Signs	1.00	5.00
1	Firearms	3.00	3.00
50	Common Victualers	3.00	150.00
23	Auto Deaelrs	3.00	69.00

\$ 1,310.00

Town Hall Rental \$ 180.00

Used Equipment Sold:

Junk Truck	\$ 5.00
Desk	15.00
Power Lawn Mower	27.55
Truck Chassis and Hoist	175.50
Chevrolet Suburban	110.00
Police Cruiser	200.00
Sale of Scrap Iron	460.78

\$ 993.83

Total Amount \$17,064.83

The expenses of operating our department are given in the report, prepared by the Town Accountant, and for that reason are not enumerated here.

We wish to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the other town department committees, and all others who have cooperated with us during the past year to promote good government.

Respectfully yours,
 ARMAND O. DeGRENIER, Chairman
 J. GERARD NOLET, Clerk
 WESLEY K. COLE

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

TOWN MEETINGS

Annual Town Meeting	March 7, 1955
Adjourned Town Meeting	March 14, 1955
Special Town Meeting	April 11, 1955
Special Town Meeting	May 31, 1955
Special Town Meeting	August 22, 1955
Special Town Meeting	November 28, 1955

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

	Residence in Town		Residence Out of Town		Residence Out of State		Non-Residence in Town	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Jan.	2	13	0	1	0	0	7	9
Feb.	14	10	2	1	0	0	8	15
March	15	17	1	4	0	1	5	11
April	9	10	0	2	0	0	4	4
May	9	14	2	2	0	0	8	7
June	15	12	1	1	0	0	7	9
July	12	16	3	1	0	1	4	8
Aug.	20	13	1	0	1	0	5	3
Sept.	21	7	2	3	0	0	5	4
Oct.	15	2	1	2	0	1	11	7
Nov.	8	10	0	0	0	0	15	9
Dec.	12	15	1	1			7	8
	152	139	14	18	1	3	86	94

Of this total (507), there were 180 non-resident births and 36 births occurring out of town.

Deaths

Residence in Town		Residence Out of Town		Residence Out of State		Resident Out of Country		Non- Residence In Town	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
94	74	22	15	2	0	1	0	16	10

Of this total (234), there were 26 non-resident deaths.

Marriages

Total marriages for 1955 182

MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES ISSUED

Auctioneers	7 at \$2.00	\$14.00
Bowling	5 (varies)	92.00
Garage	54 at 50c	27.00
Gasoline	42 at 50c	21.00
Hawkers' and Peddlars'	6 at \$2.50	15.00
Junk	3 at \$1.00	3.00
Junk	6 at \$15.00	90.00
Total		<hr/> \$262.00

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

Male	559	
Female	75	
Spayed Female	232	
Kennel	5	
Paid Town Treasurer		\$1,831.00

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED

Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	670	
Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	247	
Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses	241	
Resident Citizens' Minors' Fish. Lics.	89	
Resident Citizens' Women's Fish. Lics.	124	
Resident Citizens' Trapping Licenses	4	
Resident Minor Trappers' Lic.	1	
Non-Resident Citizens' 3-Day Fish. Lics.	6	
Non-Resident Minor Fish. Lic.	1	
Non-Resident Citizens' or Alien Fish. Lic.	13	
Non-Resident Citizens' Hunting Lics.	5	
Duplicate Licenses	20	
Resident Citizens' Sport. & Trap. Lics.	110	
Resident Citizen Old Age Assistance, and to the Blind Fishing Lic. — Free	13	
Total Licenses Issued	1,544	
Free Licenses Issued	123	
Amount paid to Division of Fisheries & Game		\$4,874.75

In Account With the Town of Southbridge:

Includes Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates Issued;
Also duplicate dog tags. Vital Statistic corrections and

Marriage Intentions	\$ 909.25
Mortgages	1,553.70
Recordings	95.50
Dog Licenses Fees	174.00
Sporting Licenses Fees	350.25
 Total Amount	 \$3,082.70

LIST OF JURORS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN DURING 1955

Edward Loranger, 127 Pleasant Street.
 Jean B. Jolin, 272 Mechanic Street.
 Wilfred Leblanc, 219 Charlton Street.
 Adelard Lavallee, 75 Crystal Street.
 Francis D. Dumas, 14 Ames Street.
 Ovila Trahan, 18 Clarke Street.
 Joseph Sadowski, 80 Cisco Street.
 Mary G. Walsh, 59½ Fiske Street.
 Napoleon Lavallee, 88 School Street.
 Mabel F. Bachand, 43 Randolph Street.
 Lucien Fountain, 86 Chestnut Street.
 Alice G. Salek, 801 Worcester Street.
 Edward E. Bachand, 16 William Street.
 Richard F. Clifford, 327 Hamilton Street.
 Moise Monnette, 122 Hamilton Street.
 Lionel J. Lapointe, 398 Worcester Street.
 Leonard Sansoucy, 31 Hamilton Street.
 Alfred F. Blair, 321 Dennison Drive.
 Lillian L. Lavallee, 126 Litchfield Avenue.
 James V. Costa, 18 Franklin Terrace.
 Thomas F. Cronin, 340 Main Street.
 George E. Plouffe, 135 Marcy Street.
 Arthur Martel, 538 Main Street.
 Nicholas Steven, 33 Oakes Avenue.
 Yvonne C. Cournoyer, 22 Locust Avenue.
 Walter E. Kingsley, 19 Franklin Terrace.
 Joseph A. Beaudry, 468 Hamilton Street.
 Richard C. Pinsonneault, 35 Orchard Street.
 Albert Lafleche, 59 Main Street.
 Harmel Houde, 43 Randolph Street.
 Joseph H. Fournier, 55 Off West Street.
 Anatole J. Caron, 33 Crystal Street.
 George P. Olson, 733 South Street.
 Harvey W. Gaumond, 161 Mechanic Street.

Respectfully submitted,
 CLARE P. BOYER,
 Town Clerk.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

For year ending December 31, 1955

Cash on Hand, Jan. 1, 1955	\$ 373,145.42	
Receipts for 1955	2,629,963.24	
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1955 Disbursements		\$3,003,108.66
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Balance, Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1955		\$ 190,935.06

FUNDED DEBT

Due 1956	Denominated	Date of Issue	Amt. of Loan	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955
\$ 6,000.00	Eastford Rd. & West St. Schools	1936	\$152,490.00	\$ 6,000.00
4,000.00	Northern Dist. Elem. School	1938	80,000.00	12,000.00
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TEMPORARY LOANS

\$150,000.00 Anticipation of Taxes	Due May 1, 1956
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POST WAR FUND

2¼% U. S. Treasury Bonds — Dated Feb. 1, 1944	\$ 75,000.00
2¼% U. S. Treasury Bonds — Dated June 1, 1945	75,000.00
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	\$150,000.00
Coupon and Savings Bank Int. through 12/31/55	43,219.03
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Total Fund	\$193,219.03

CEMETERY FUND

Depository	Balance Dec. 31, 1955	Int. 1955
Cambridge Savings Bank	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 97.50
Dedham Inst. for Savings	2,000.00	60.00
Gardner Savings Bank	3,000.00	112.50
Lynn Inst. for Savings	2,000.00	60.00
Leominster Savings Bank	2,475.00	83.54
Millbury Savings Bank	2,000.00	57.03
New Bedford 5-Cent Sav. Bk.	3,000.00	90.00

Natick 5-Cent Savings Bank	2,500.00	81.26
Southbridge Savings Bank	11,708.20	322.54
Salem 5-Cent Savings Bank	3,000.00	93.75
Winchendon Savings Bank	3,000.00	105.00
Ware Savings Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Webster 5-Cent Savings Bank	2,000.00	52.38
Worcester 5-Cent Savings Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Worcester Federal Co-op Bank	4,000.00	125.00
Workingmen's Co-op Bank	4,000.00	120.00
Merchant's Co-op Bank	4,000.00	123.00
Mattapan Co-op Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Mt. Washington Co-op. Bank	4,000.00	120.00
Congress Co-op Bank	4,000.00	120.00
Southbridge Co-op. Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Merrimack Co-op. Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Suffolk Co-op. Bank	4,000.00	120.00
Minot Co-op. Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Lincoln Co-op Bank	2,000.00	70.00
Southbridge Credit Union	4,000.00	150.00
Southbridge Credit Union	4,062.10	121.80
Southbridge Credit Union	10,000.00	270.00
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	\$95,745.30	\$ 2,915.30
Cemetery Fund as of January 1, 1955		\$94,735.30
Added to Fund, 1955		1,010.00
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Cemetery Fund December 31, 1955		\$95,745.30

TRUST FUNDS

Depository	Balance Jan. 1, 1955	Int. 1955	Balance Dec. 31, 1955
Mary Mynott Fund			
Southbridge Savings	\$1,000.00	\$ 30.00	\$1,000.00
Boyer Fund			
Southbridge Savings	494.15	14.93	509.08
Jesse J. Angell Fund			
Southbridge Savings	1,644.70	49.70	1,694.40
Ella M. Cole Fund			
Attleboro Savings	1,000.00	29.49	1,000.00

Cambridge Savings	1,000.00	32.50	1,000.00
Charlestown 5-Cent	1,000.00	28.75	1,000.00

Hannah Edwards Fund

First National Bank of Boston, Trustee	5,000.00	140.00	5,000.00
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Mabel Murphy Fund

Southbridge Savings	2,000.00	60.00	2,000.00
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Adah Stedman Fund

Southbridge Credit Union	1,000.00	30.00	1,000.00
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Respectfully submitted,
NORBERT C. BENOIT,
Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1955. All appropriations voted since 1955 Tax Rate was fixed.

Tax Rate for 1955 was set as follows:

General Tax Rate	\$39.68
School Tax Rate	19.32
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Total Tax Rate	\$59.00
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Total appropriations as certified by
Town Clerk to be raised by
Taxation \$1,524,609.25

Total appropriations voted to be
taken from available funds. In
1955 since 1955 Tax Rate was
fixed 140,008.92 \$1,664,618.17

STATE:

Tax and Assessments	1955 Estimates	1954 Under- estimates
State Parks and Reservations	\$ 3,028.48	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	1,336.17	
State Examination of Retirement System	48.74	
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	\$ 4,413.39	\$ 4,413.39

COUNTY:

Tax and Assessments:		
County Tax	\$47,565.00	
Tuberculosis	40,869.79	
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	\$88,434.79	\$ 88,434.79

OVERLAY of Current Year 20,004.47

GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED \$1,777,470.82

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS:

Estimated Receipts for year 1954 \$ 560,839.20

OVERESTIMATES of previous year
to be used as available funds

County Tax	\$	1,604.09
County Tuberculosis Hospital		6,397.03
Audit of Municipal Accounts		13.49

Amounts voted to be taken from Available Funds:

\$ 15,283.33—6-21-54 E. & D. Call Firemen Salary Account	
1,574.98—8-9-54 E. & D.	
31,681.63—11-22-54 E. & D. ADC Account—	
School Salary Account	
1,317.02—11-22-54 High School Rep. Account—	
Marcy St. School Rep. Account	
2,050.00—11-22-54 Parking Meter Account—	
Library Salary Account	
88,101.96—3-14-55 E. & D.—Overlay—Parking Meter—	
Sewer Res. Account	

\$140,008.92	\$ 140,008.92
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\$ 148,023.53

Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds

\$ 708,862.73

Net Amount to be Raised by

Taxation on Polls and Property

\$1,068,608.09

	Tax
Number of Polls 5400 @ \$2.00 each ..	\$ 10,800.00

Total Valuation:

Personal Property	\$ 2,929,885.00	\$ 172,863.21
Real Estate	14,998,990.00	884,940.41

Total Assessed Valuation on Personal and Real Estate

\$17,928,875.00 \$1,068,603.62

Gain on account of
fraction division of
tax rate

4.19

Total Taxes Levied on Polls and Property

\$1,068,608.09

**Items not Entering into the
Determination of the Tax Rate:**

Betterment and Special

Assessments added to taxes

Sewer Assessment \$ 1,226.79

Sidewalk Assessment 233.00

Total of all Other Commitments \$ 1,459.79

**Total Amount of all Taxes on
Polls and Property and Assess-
ments Committed to the Tax
Collector to date of Tax Rate**

\$1,070,067.88

ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS:

Feb. 3, 1955—Sewer Assessment \$ 3,934.35

Warrant to Col., Feb. 3, 1955 \$ 3,934.35

Feb. 3, 1955—Sidewalk Assess. 512.32

Warrant to Col., Feb. 3, 1955 512.32

May 2, 1955—Sewer Assessment 4,541.55

Warrant to Col., May 2, 1955 4,541.55

Aug. 8, 1955—Omitted Assess-
ment, Real Estate 11.80

Warrant to Col., Aug. 8, 1955 11.80

Dec. 9, 1955—Poll Tax 26.00

Warrant to Col., Dec. 9, 1955 26.00

**Total Warrants to Collector on
Polls, Real Estate, Personal,
Sewer, Sidewalk and Omitted
Assessments for 1955**

\$1,079,093.90

**Valuation of Motor Vehicles
for 1955**

\$2,991,200.00

Tax on Motor Vehicles for 1955 141,809.92

Warrant to Collector for 1955 \$ 141,809.92

**Total Assessed Valuation for 1955
including Motor Vehicles \$20,920,075.00**

Total Warrants to Collector for 1955 \$1,220,903.82

VALUE OF EXEMPTED PROPERTY

Churches, Parsonages, Schools, Hospital
and Cemeteries \$1,638,900.00

Town Property 2,668,975.00

U. S. Post Office	108,000.00
U. S. Government Housing Project	8,150.00
Total Exempted Property	<u>\$4,424,025.00</u>

Total number of Motor Vehicles Assessed 6,179
Total number of Dwelling Houses 2,784

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES NORMANDIN,
ROSARIO C. ARPIN,
ERNEST A. FARLAND,
Board of Assessors.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

I wish to submit the following report as Collector for Southbridge from January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955.

Taxes: Levy of 1953

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955	\$	2,076.16
Payments to Treasurer		<u>2,076.16</u>

Taxes: Levy of 1954

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955	\$	40,363.65	
Auditor's Adjustment		15.94	
		<u></u>	\$ 40,379.59
Payments to Treasurer	\$	37,960.15	
Abated		306.00	
Tax Titles		29.16	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955		2,199.28	
	\$	<u>40,494.59</u>	
Refunds		115.00	
		<u></u>	\$ 40,379.59

Taxes: Levy of 1955

Warrant from Assessors	<u>\$1,068,945.89</u>
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Payments to Treasurer	\$1,013,208.20	
Abated	28,860.71	
Tax Titles	277.60	
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	\$1,042,346.51	
Refunds	10,450.42	
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	\$1,031,896.09	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955	37,049.80	
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		\$1,068,945.89
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Spec. Sewer Assessments	\$ 2,843.15	
	1,698.40	
	3,309.69	
	624.66	\$ 8,475.50
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Payments to Treasurer	\$ 1,161.03	
Abated	478.22	
Apportioned	1,277.80	
Added to Taxes	813.97	
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	\$ 3,731.02	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955	4,744.88	
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		8,475.90
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Special Sidewalk Assessment		\$ 512.32
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 280.31	
Added to Taxes	232.01	
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		512.32
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Sewers added to Taxes:		
Payments to Treasurer		\$ 774.59
Sidewalk added to Taxes:		
Payments to Treasurer		232.01
Excise Taxes:		
Levy of 1953		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955		1,717.47
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 398.58	
Abated	1,274.52	
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	\$ 1,673.10	

Refunds	3.53	
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Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955	\$ 1,669.57	
	47.90	
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		1,717.47

**Excise Taxes:
Levy of 1954**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955	\$ 14,273.49	
February Commitment	87.29	\$ 14,360.78
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Payments to Treasurer	\$ 13,073.78	
Abated	633.11	
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	\$ 13,706.89	
Refunds	243.85	
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Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955	\$ 897.74	14,360.78
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**Excise Taxes:
Levy of 1955**

Commitments from Assessors	\$ 140,468.92	\$ 140,468.92
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Payments to Treasurer	\$ 125,521.32	
Abated	8,729.19	
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	\$ 134,250.51	
Refunds	2,598.59	
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	\$ 131,651.92	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955	8,817.00	
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		140,468.92
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Ambulance:

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955	\$ 911.00	
Commitments from Fire Dept.	3,125.85	
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		\$ 4,036.85
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 2,458.35	
Abated	452.00	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955	1,146.50	
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	\$ 4,056.85	

Refunds	20.00	
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		4,036.85
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School Department:

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955	\$ 635.23	
Commitments from School Dept. ..	11,818.25	
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		\$ 12,453.48
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 9,936.98	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955	2,516.50	
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		12,453.48
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Selectmen:

Commitments per Warrant	\$ 75.00
Payments to Treasurer	75.00
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Board of Health:

Commitment	\$ 879.98
Payment to Treasurer	879.98
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Highway Department:

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955.....		\$ 1,451.40
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 5.00	
Abated	1,089.35	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955	357.05	
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		1,451.40
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Airport:

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955	\$ 2,350.00	
Commitments	300.00	\$ 2,650.00
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Payments to Treasurer	\$ 2,650.00	
		2,650.00
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Board of Public Welfare:

Outstand. Gen. Rel., Jan. 1, 1955	\$ 3,143.43
Committed in 1955	3,634.66
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Payments direct to Treasurer	3,143.43		\$	6,778.09
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955	3,634.66			
				6,778.09

Outstanding Old Age Jan. 1, 1955 ..	\$	389.11		
Committed in 1955		1,613.26		
Payments to Treasurere	\$	1,778.75	\$	2,022.37
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955		233.62		
				2,002.37

Interest Costs and Fees:

1954 Poll Interest .....	\$	.84
1954 Poll Fees		28.45
1954 Personal Fees		17.40
1954 Personal Interest		75.39
1955 Poll Fees		137.55
1954 Real Estate Fees		65.10
1954 Real Estate Interest		745.13
1955 Real Estate Interest		140.08
1955 Real Estate Fees		30.80
1953 Excise Interest		30.79
1953 Excise Fees		20.70
1955 Personal Interest		12.78
1955 Personal Fees		8.75
1953 Real Estate Interest		116.20
1953 Real Estate Fees		4.90
1953 Personal Interest		6.47
1953 Personal Fees		1.20
1954 Excise Interest		97.86
1954 Excise Fees		176.90
1955 Excise Interest		4.21
1955 Excise Fees		148.80
Committed Interest on Sidewalk ..		.99
Committed Interest on Sewers		78.77
	\$	1,950.06

Grand Total Collected During 1955	\$1,214,420.25
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I wish to thank the townspeople and various town officials for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
ELIZABETH M. DUHAMEL,
Town Collector.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

The Board of Health met on March 6, 1955 and organized as follows: Dr. Raymond F. Haling, Dr. Armand DeGrenier and Mr. Henry Demers.

During the year 12 regular, 7 special meetings were held.

A detailed account of the Board of Health work during the August flood will be found in the report of the Board of Health Nurse.

The awarding of the garbage contract and the supervision of the garbage collection was transferred to the Selectmen.

At the November meeting Miss Marguerite Houle sent her resignation to the Board to take effect Jan. 1, 1956, at the December meeting Mrs. Rachel Jolicoeur was appointed to the position to replace Miss Houle.

Many thanks to Miss Houle for her faithful and efficient services as Nurse of the Board of Health for 34 years.

We wish to thank all the Citizens who have cooperated and assisted the Department in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND F. HALING, M.D.
ARMAND DeGRENIER, D.M.D.
HENRY DEMERS, Ph.G.

REPORT OF THE AGENT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Dear Sirs:

As Agent of the Board of Health, I hereby submit the following list of contagious diseases reported to this office in the last year:

Chicken Pox	51	Dog Bite	35
Measles	269	Mumps	64
Scarlet Fever	18	Polio	7
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	3	Whooping Cough	1
Meningitis	1	Diphtheria	1
		Total	450

List of deaths in Town for which this office has issued permits for burial:

Arterioceloretic	21
Chronic Myocarditis	2
Congestive Heart Failure	3
Coronary Occlusion	13
Coronary Thrombosis	53

Myocardial Infarct	3
Cerebral Vascular Thrombosis	4
Cerebral Embolism	5
Cerebral Hemorrhage	22
Cerebral Thrombosis	14
Hypostatic Pneumonia	7
Myocardial Failure	1
Pulmonary Edema	4
Chronic Myocarditis	3
Lobar Pneumonia	2
Bronchial Pneumonia	3
Carcinoma of Ovary	1
Cancer of Lung	1
Carcinoma of Intestine	1
Carcinoma of the Rectum	1
Carcinoma of the Breast	2
Carcinoma of the Liver	2
Carcinoma of the Stomach	2
Cancer of the Prostate	3
Carcinoma of the Esophagus	1
Cardio Vascular Renal Disease	1
Uremia	1
Cancer of Lung	2
Prematurity	7
Stillborn	8
Unknown	2

Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST TETREAULT,
 Agent.

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REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health:

Dear Sirs:

I hereby submit my report as Sanitary Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1955.

I received, during the year, 37 complaints: all were investigated. After the flood 153 apartments, stores and eating places were inspected by me, and some 300 telephone calls were answered.

Permits and Licenses Issued:

Day School	1
Vapor Bath	3
Slaughter House	1
Anti-Freeze	38
Boarding for the Aged	1

Nursing Home	1
Funeral Director	6
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Total	51

Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST TETREAULT,
 Sanitary Inspector.

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REPORT OF THE FOOD INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Food Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1955.

This year, as usual, we carried on the customary routine inspections of bakeries, groceries and markets, as well as all eating and drinking establishments. The conditions were mostly good, some establishments needed more attention than others and time was used up more in these places of business to try and bring them up to a better rating. All concerned were very cooperative.

During the flood of August 19, 1955, eating and drinking establishments and stores were inspected and all contaminated foods were disposed of at the recommendations of the State and Federal Food and Drug Officers that were assigned to Southbridge during the emergency.

Respectfully submitted,
ARTHUR O. BALLARD,
 Food Inspector.

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REPORT OF THE MILK INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Milk Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Number of Samples Collected	236
Tests for Butter Fats	236
No samples were below the legal standard of 3.35%.	
Tests for Solids — Samples Tested	236
1 sample was below the legal standard.	
Tests for Acidity — Samples Tested	178

30 samples were in the process of souring due to improper cooling.	
Phosphatase Test — Samples Tested	163
All were found to be sufficiently pasteurized.	
Microscopic Bacteria Count — Examinations	9
Samples had counts higher than the A P H A standards.	
Mastitis Test (Microscopic examinations of smears from suspected milk or cream cultures)	
Samples examined	90
No samples were positive.	
Number of Store and Vehicle Milk and Cream Licenses Granted	104
Number of Oleomargarine Registrations Granted	52
Number of Pasteurization of Milk	
Licenses Granted	3
Total Licenses and Registrations	159

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR O. BALLARD,
Inspector of Milk.

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REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

To the Honorable Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Plumbing Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1955.

During the year, the following fixtures and appliances were installed:

Water Closets	145
Lavatories	123
Bath Tubs	85
Kitchen Sinks	125
Laundry Trays	7
Sink and Tray Combinations	4
Shower Stalls	13
Urinals	29
Waste Food Grinders	6
Clothes Washing Machines	46
Tankless Water Heaters	64
Gas, Oil, Electric Water Heaters	164
Range Boilers	42
Slop Sinks	5
Film Developing Units	1

Air Conditioning Units	3
Indirect Refrigerator Drains	4
Soda Fountains	7
Beauty Parlor Units	2
Trailer Homes	49
New Water Piping Jobs	11
Dishwashing Machines	4

Total Number of Fixtures and Appliances	939
Number of Septic Tanks Installed	11
Number of Sewer Connections	53
Number of Permits Granted	432
Number of Inspections	1081
Number of Water Tests	84
Number of Unfinished Jobs	23

Respectfully submitted,
ARTHUR O. BALLARD,
Inspector of Plumbing.

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REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Southbridge Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

The result of the annual inspection of the elementary grades are distributed as follows:

St. Mary's School

Physical Examinations — Defects Listed

Grade II — 45 Pupils

Teeth	7
Enlarged Tonsils	4
Cerumen	1
Eye Correction with Glasses	2

Grade IV — 21 Pupils

Teeth	5
Cerumen	1

Grade VI — 27 Pupils

Teeth	7
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Grade VIII — 18 Pupils

Teeth	2
Skin Condition	2
Enlarged Tonsils	1
Eczema	1

Notre Dame School

Physical Examinations — Defects Listed

Grade II — 76 Pupils

Teeth	1
Acne	1
Cerumen	9
Enlarged Tonsils	10
Cervical Glands	1
Eye Corrections with Glasses	3
Foreign Body in Right Ear (removed)	1

Grade IV — 82 Pupils

Teeth	16
Cerumen	3
Enlarged Tonsils	9
Heart	1
Eye Corrections with Glasses	6
Left Eye Blepharitis	1

Grade VI — 75 Pupils

Teeth	26
Cerumen	3
Enlarged Tonsils	1
Eye Corrections with Glasses	5
Squint	1
Skin Condition	1

Grade VIII — 65 Pupils

Teeth	18
Cerumen	3
Skin Condition	14
Eye Corrections with Glasses	8

Ste. Jeanne d'Arc School

Physical Examinations — Defects Listed

Grade I — 32 Pupils

Teeth	3
Eczema	1
Otitis Media	1
Eye Corrections with Glasses	2

Grade II — 32 Pupils

Teeth	5
Acne	1
Eye Corrections with Glasses	2

Grade III — 34 Pupils

Teeth	4
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Cerumen	2
Enlarged Tonsils	6
Ear Condition	1

Grade IV — 30 Pupils

Teeth	3
Cervical Glands	1
Enlarged Tonsils	8
Allergy	1
Eye Corrections with Glasses	3

Grade V — 26 Pupils

Teeth	3
Eye Corrections with Glasses	1

Grade VI — 31 Pupils

Teeth	1
Cerumen	2
Rheumatic Heart	1
Eye Corrections with Glasses	3
Tonsils Removed	1

Grade VII — 25 Pupils

Teeth	3
Acne	3
Eye Corrections with Glasses	4
Tonsils Removed	1

Grade VIII — 24 Pupils

Teeth	2
Acne	4
Cerumen	1
Tonsils Removed	2

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND F. HALING, M.D.

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REPORT OF THE PODIATRIST

To the Board of Health Physician:

Dear Sir:

Herewith I submit my report on the examination of the feet of the Parochial School children.

Examination was made of the eighth, sixth, fourth and second grades in all schools; and of those children with foot disorders found in previous examinations who are now in the odd grades. Total examined: 512 and 109.

Following is a tabulation of defects found in this year's examinations:

Posture	10
Skin Disorders	47
Orthopedic Conditions	119
Nail Disorders	25
Hygiene	19

An earnest attempt was made to impress these children with the importance of preventive foot care so that they might avoid the many ills resulting from improper care and poor hygiene.

I gratefully acknowledge the assistance and cooperation of the school authorities and of Miss Houle, our Board of Health Nurse.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT W. DeJORDY, D.S.C.

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REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH NURSE

To the Board of Health:

Dear Sirs:

I herewith submit my report as Board of Health Nurse for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Clinics

1. TUBERCULOSIS

Clinics for chest X-ray and examination have been available to all persons in this area, at the Worcester County Tuberculosis Sanatorium in Boylston, on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 10:30 A. M. This service is sponsored by the State Department of Public Health, to assist doctors to confirm their diagnosis and stimulate patients to follow-up the doctor's recommendations.

Fifty-four patients reported, twenty-two were x-sanatoria patients following the doctor's recommendations, twenty-three were contacts to positive cases of tuberculosis, and nine patients were X-rayed for diagnosis.

2. IMMUNIZATION

Six clinics were scheduled to inoculate school and pre-school children for the prevention of whooping-cough, diphtheria, and tetanus. Four in the Town Hall on the following dates—January 18th, February 15th, March 15th, and April 12th, and one in each school, Notre Dame April 14th, and Mary E. Wells High, May 12th.

Three hundred and forty-six had a booster shot, and one hundred and twenty-two had the initial series of three injections, a month apart.

3. DENTAL

Although the condition of the children's teeth has improved over a period of years, our school health records still show carious teeth at the top of the list of defects.

We carried our dental program during eight months of the year for the benefit of the elementary school children in the first four grades, plus special cases in any other grade.

In a very limited way we endeavored to follow ideal objectives, such as to assist in the prevention of dental diseases, routine and class-room instruction on dental hygiene. The charting of dental defects in the class-rooms, by a staff dentist made more time available in the clinics for treatment. With this information the children in need of immediate attention were selected to report first. Four hundred and eighty-four pupils reported to the clinics, four hundred and fifty-four had their teeth cleaned, plus two hundred and sixty-two fillings, and three hundred and twenty-seven had an oral examination.

4. POLIOMYELITIS

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis provided Salk Polio vaccine free of charge for all children in the first and second grades in the public and parochial schools. Seven hundred and ninety-two were eligible, seven hundred and fifty signed request slips. Due to unfavorable newspaper publicity, two hundred and thirty original request slips were cancelled.

Our first clinic took place in the Town Hall, May 25th. Four hundred and forty-two children were transported by bus with their teachers. Each child with a written request slip from their parents were inoculated. A make-up clinic scheduled nine days later, took care of seventy-eight pupils who missed the first clinic. Total number inoculated — five hundred and twenty pupils.

5. PRE-SCHOOL

The annual registration clinics for pre-school children, was scheduled during the month of March on the following dates—21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th and 28th, from 1 to 4:30 P. M. in the Mary E. Wells High School. Two hundred and eighty-six pupils reported, plus several more who registered during the summer vacation. The registration consist of recording the family data on the school health card, also the child's immunizations, special tests, specific illnesses and if he is well adjusted for his age. Each child must have a complete physical examination by

his family physician or one of the school physicians, before he enters school in the Fall.

6. TYPHOID

As a precautionary measure, due to the flood disaster, the Board of Health sponsored seven clinics for the prevention of typhoid fever. It was recommended to immunize all persons who were in the contaminated area or exposed to articles in contact with flood waters. However, groups of all ages reported to the Town Hall for inoculations. Approximately 6,000 people each received three injections.

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for services rendered by all volunteer workers, professional and otherwise. Six physicians, one dentist, fifteen nurses and many other young women and men who assisted us during this great emergency.

The parochial school physician examined the pupils in the 2nd, 4th, 6th and 8th grades at Notre Dame and St. Mary's Schools. Defects in this routine check-up were noted and recorded on the child's physical record card. Since the health records at Ste. Jeanne d'Arc School were destroyed in the flood, it was necessary to examine all pupils in the elementary grades. A total of six hundred and forty-eight were examined in all parochial schools.

Considerable time and effort has been spent to restore these records as complete as possible. Each parent received a form to fill out for his child's medical history from birth.

Last June a vision test was conducted in St. Mary's School, one hundred and thirty-three were tested.

The following nursery schools were inspected twice during the school year, in March and November. They were in good condition and complied with all the requirements.

The Hyland Nursery and Kindergarten School located on Cole Avenue Extension had an enrollment of eighteen pupils. The Southbridge Nursery and Kindergarten located in the Methodist Church on Main Street, with an enrollment of forty pupils, both schools supervised by two teachers.

Funds donated by the Lions' Club provided a mid-morning milk lunch for sixty-two pupils in the parochial schools. Pupils, parents and teachers extend their sincere thanks and appreciation.

Home visits on nineteen cases of scarlet fever, and seven cases of polio were made and instructions given to prevent the spread of disease.

All poliomyelitis cases, except one, were hospitalized during the acute stage. Three have been transferred to the Canton Hospital School for rehabilitation.

New and unforeseen health measures and emergency work, added to our regular program, summarize our duties during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
MARGUERITE C. HOULE, R.N.,
Board of Health Nurse.

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REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Board of Health:

This is my report of slaughtering for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Hogs	Cattle	Sheep	Calves
16	4	6	3

Respectfully submitted,
ALCIDE FOURNIER,
Slaughtering Inspector.

**REPORT OF
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I submit my report to your Honorable Board for the year ending December 31, 1955, of the Police Department.

On behalf of the Police Department, I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for the splendid cooperation received from your Honorable Board, all other Town Departments, the members of the Auxiliary Police who have given so much of their time to the public service of this Community, the parents and members of the School Safety Patrol, the School Superintendent and the faculty of all schools for their part in supervising the School Patrol members and the citizens of our community in the year 1955.

Assault	4
Assault to Rape	1
Breaking and Entering and Larceny	1
Larceny and Attempted Larceny (1 Juvenile)	16
Malicious Mischief (1 Female Juvenile)	6
Receiving Stolen Goods	1
Using Motor Vehicle Without Authority (1 Female; 1 Juvenile)	6

Adultery	(2 Females)	5
Delinquency	(Female)	1
Deserter from Armed Forces		1
Disturbance of the Peace		3
Driving a Motor Vehicle to Endanger Life		11
Driving a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated		17
Drunkenness	(19 Females; 2 Juveniles)	176
Illegitimacy		2
Lewd Cohabitation	(1 Female)	2
Violation of Liquor Laws		1
Violation of Motor Vehicle Laws	(12 Females)	117
Neglect, Desertion, Non-Support		5
Stubbornness	(1 Female)	2
Violation of Traffic Rules		73
Vagrants	(1 Juvenile)	6

Total Crimes Against the Person	5
Total Crimes Against Property	30
Total Crimes Against Public Order, etc.	422

Total Persons Detained	457
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Personal Injury Accidents Reported to Police		
	(15 Pedestrians)	44
Property Damage Accidents Reported to Police		
	(2 Coasting)	48
Doors and Windows Found Unlocked, Open		454
Night Lodging Given Travelers		60
Radio Calls Sent Out		598
Entertainment Permits Issued		257
Permits Issued to Carry Firearms		203
Permits Issued to Purchase Firearms		20
Persons Committed to State Hospital		7
Permits Issued to Work Lord's Day, Holidays		70
Sound Truck Permits Issued		14
Bicycles Registered		1136
Summonses Served for Out of Town Police, Courts		313
Residences Checked by Police Cruisers, Business Establishments		15,140
Arrests for Out of Town Police, Courts		8
Bicycles Reported Stolen	(Recovered 11)	12
Persons Reported Missing and located	(Males)	8
	(Females)	6

Respectfully submitted,
 OVIDE A. DESROSIERS,
 Chief of Police.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit my report for the Tree Warden Department for the year ending December 31, 1955.

The past year I removed 17 dead trees on town owned property that were endangering the public. Five stumps, and repainted 16 cavities, pruned dead limbs on trees on various streets, also bracing and cabling.

Tree Warden Dept. 1955 Appropriation	\$2,200.00
Salaries and Wages:	
Tree Warden	\$ 384.51
Labor	1,378.95
Other Expenses:	
Truck Hire	257.25
Power Saw Hire	99.75
Tools and Material (rope, axes, tree healing paint, paint brushes, etc.)	79.45
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Respectfully submitted,
CHESTER J. MASKA,
Tree Warden.

DUTCH ELM DISEASE DEPT.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit my report for the Dutch Elm Disease Department for the year ending December 31, 1955.

I sprayed the town owned elm trees twice with a Hydraulic Sprayer using DDT Emulsion, to control Elm Leaf and Bark Beetle, with excellent results.

I also removed and burned 18 dead and diseased elm trees on town owned property.

With State help we removed 19 Dutch Elm Diseased trees. Dutch Elm Disease Department:

1955 Receipts and Appropriation	\$3,450.00
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Salaries and Wages:

Moth Superintendent	\$ 202.89
Labor	507.89

Other Expenses:

Chain and Power Saw Hire	97.75
Truck Hire	164.50
Insecticide (25% DDT)	544.60
Mist Blower Spraying	168.00
Hydraulic Spraying	1,728.00
Pruning Poles and Saws	34.00
Telephone and Postage on Elm Samples	2.37

\$3,450.00

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER J. MASKA,
Moth Superintendent.

GYPSY MOTH DEPT.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit my report for the Gypsy Moth Department for the year ending December 31, 1955.

The past year I sprayed with DDT and arsenate of lead, as many of our town owned trees as possible, because of the limited amount of funds, for gypsy and brown tail moths, canker worm, tent caterpillars, hag moth, and ticks.

Infestation in sprayed areas have been kept down to my satisfaction unsprayed areas infestation is spreading.

Moth Extermination 1955 Appropriation \$ 400.00

Salaries and Wages:

Moth Superintendent	5.10
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Other Expenses:

Insecticides	77.80
Paint Brushes	2.10
Hydraulic Spraying	315.00

\$ 400.00

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER J. MASKA,
Moth Superintendent.

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

In accordance with the law and custom, I submit the following report of the year ending December 31, 1955, giving names of members of the Fire Department, values of properties under my supervision, number of fires we responded to, values of properties where loss occurred, dates and location of fires.

We responded to 21 Bell Alarms, 284 Still Alarms for a total of 305 alarms for the year.

330 Hydrants at \$65.00 each per year	Total \$	21,450.00
Value of Buildings	\$	369,400.00
Loss on Buildings		54,114.57
Insurance on Buildings		1,110,450.00
Insurance paid on Buildings		53,514.57
Value of Contents		1,015,750.00
Loss on contents		63,803.01
Insurance on contents		952,650.00
Insurance paid on contents		62,353.01

Inventory of the Fire Department

Fire Station	\$	75,000.00
Fire Apparatus		40,000.00
Fire Department Supplies		9,000.00
Gamewell Fire Alarm System		30,000.00

ROSTER OF THE SOUTHBRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief

Oswald Meunier

Deputy Chief

Daniel Daniels

Permanent Firemen

Capt. Emile Caouette
Ovila Donais
Harry Gendron
Ernest Collette
Henry Desourdy
Alva Gregoire
Arthur Marand
Edward Boucher
Biagio Puccilli
Rodolphe Arpin

Capt. Archie Langevin
Adrien Pouliot
Victor Caouette
Edward McNally
Romeo Mathieu
Napoleon White
Jean St. Amant
Alfred Langevin
Roland LaRochelle
William Berry

Call Men Hose Co. No. 1

Capt. Hermas Lippe	Lieut. Leopold Langlois
Armand Dumas	Paul Lucier
Henry Santelli	Clarence Blais
Walter Earnest	Thomas Mannis
Joseph Brouillard	Wilfred Forcier

Call Men Hose Co. No. 2

Capt. Eugene Gaumont	Lieut. Alexander Daigle
Ferdinand Szczypien	Elzear Plouffe
Roy Proulx	Archie Matte
Aime Ravenelle	Roger Favreau
Armand Gibeault	Melvin Williams

Call Men Aerial No. 1

Capt. Eugene Blais	Lieut. Arthur Caplette
Raoul Plouffe	Louis Ciprari
Armand Durocher	Francis Healy
Angelo Monaco	Anthony DiPeitro
Raymond Dartt	Lionel Bachand
Raymond Houle	

Supt. of Fire Alarm

Normand LaRochelle

Permits

Transporting Gasoline	3
High Explosives	81
Range Oil Burners	24
Power Burners	129
Open Air Permits	429
Removal of Gasoline Tanks	6
Decorations	11
Bottled Gas Permits	8
Burning Paint off Buildings	2

Inspections

Stores	381
Hotels and Boarding Houses	76
Tenement Houses	2091
Range Oil Burners	24
Power Oil Burners	129
Clubs and Cafe's	138
Locked Out	76
Complaints	196

In closing my report for last year, I wish to thank the citizens for their co-operation, and members of the Department for their loyalty to their work.

In conclusion, the Chief, Oswald Meunier, on behalf of the members of the Fire Department wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen and the other Town Officials for their courtesy and consideration of the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

OSWALD MEUNIER,
Chief of the Fire Department.

For the Fire Department,
EDWARD BOUCHER, Clerk.

- Jan. 12**—Still alarm at 3:55 A. M. Tenement at 4 Lens St., owned by Jos. Therrien Estate. Caused by smoking in bed. Insured.
- Jan. 23**—Still Alarm at 11:20 A. M. Work shop at 171 Lebanon Hill, owned by Maurie LaReau. Caused by overheated stove pipe. Insured.
- Jan. 28**—Still Alarm at 2:20 P. M. Printing Shop at 219 Worcester St. Owned by Dominic Paquette. Caused by sparks from incinerator. Insured.
- Jan. 30**—Box 61 at 4:56 P. M. Storehouse at Mill St. Owned by Ames Worsted Co. Caused by overheated electric motor. Insured.
- Feb. 27**—Box 423 at 12:20 A. M. Barn at Fort Sumpter Road. Owned by Joseph Ziemba. Cause unknown. Insured.
- April 2**—Box 34 at 4:55 P. M. Garage on Main St. Former Wells Property. Owned by Town of Southbridge. Caused by children playing with matches. Not insured.
- April 8**—Box 52 at 10:39 A. M. Tenement at 75 Morris St. Owned by Southbridge Co-Operative Bank. Caused by children playing with matches. Insured.
- April 17**—Still Alarm at 4:00 A. M. Tenement at 173 Everett St. Owned by Mrs. Adele Gauthier. Caused by smoking in bed. Insured.
- June 21**—Still Alarm at 8:10 A. M. Factory at 270 Worcester St. Owned by Ernest E. Horney. Caused by overheated bricks. Insured.
- Aug. 5**—Box 34 at 10:13 P. M. Shoe Shine Parlor at 300 Main St. Owned by O'Neil Asselin. Caused by spontaneous combustion. Insured.
- Aug. 16**—Box 47 at 5:59 A. M. Garage at 129 Worcester St. Owned by Archie E. Keyes. Caused by overheated motor of air compressor igniting oily rags. Insured.
- Sept. 6**—Still Alarm at 5:00 P. M. Tenement at 49 Off West St. St. Owned by Gedion Chapdelaine. Caused by children with matches. Insured.

- Sept. 14**—Box 47 at 9:23 A. M. Chicken coop at 191 Worcester St. Owned by Gedion Chapdelain. Caused by children playing with matches. Not insured.
- Nov. 19**—Still Alarm at 2:45 A. M. Tenement at 153 Cliff St. Owned by Omer Talbot. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.
- Nov. 28**—Box 135 at 12:01 A. M. Tenement at 29 Lovely St. Owned by Walter J. Saletnik. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.
- Dec. 3**—Still Alarm at 9:00 P. M. Tenement at 121 North St. Owned by Romeo Bonnette. Caused by Plumber's blow torch. Insured.
- Dec. 6**—Still Alarm at 4:55 P. M. Shack at Hudson Ave. Owned by Ethel Graves. Caused by defective chimney. Insured.
- Dec. 12**—Box 43 at 5:11 P. M. Factory at Saundersdale Road. Owned by Southbridge Finishing Co. Cause undetermined. Insured.
- Dec. 26**—Still Alarm at 1:20 P. M. Tenement at 23 Walcott St. Owned by George Favre. Caused by cigarette. Insured.

AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

In rendering my report for the past year, I wish to state that there was an appropriation of \$1,721.00 for this Department.

During the past year the ambulances made the following trips:

Southbridge	440
Worcester	67
Sturbridge	50
Charlton	36
Fiskdale	28
Boston	16
Brimfield	16
Holland	11
Jamaica Plains	6
Grafton	5
East Woodstock, Conn.	5
Wales	5
Brookfield	5
Springfield	3
Wrentham, Mass.	3
Barre	3
Spencer	3
South Grafton	2

Webster	2
Dudley	2
West Roxbury	2
Oxford	2
Ware	2
Putnam, Conn.	1
Tewksbury	1
Rocky Hill, Conn.	1
Providence, R. I.	1
Framingham	1
Waverly, Mass.	1
Fisherville, Mass.	1
Holyoke	1
Hartford, Conn.	1
Concord, Mass.	1
New Haven, Conn.	1
Palmer	1
Total	<hr/> 726

Inventory of the Ambulance Department

1	Cadillac Ambulance	\$2,000.00
1	Packard Ambulance	3,000.00
2	Spare Tires	35.00
2	Folding Stretchers	60.00
1	Orthopatic Stretcher	60.00
2	First Aid Kits	10.00
2	Flame Proof Blankets	90.00
3	Pillows	7.50
19	Pillow Cases	8.50
15	Sheets	15.00
24	Blankets	96.00

FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Forest Fire Department answered 71 alarms for forest fires in 1955.

Forest Fire Warden's Salary \$200.00

There were 429 permits for fires in the open.

I wish at this time to thank the people for their good will and again ask their co-operation with this department to prevent fires in this vicinity.

Inventory of the Forest Fire Department

3	Forest Fire Pumps	\$2,000.00
5100	Ft. of 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ " hose	2,400.00
4100	Ft. of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " hose	4,510.00

4	1½" Shut-Off Nozzles	125.00
6	1" Shut-Off Nozzles	120.00
7	1⅛" Shut-Off Nozzles	245.00
8	Open End Nozzles	54.00
1	½-Ton Ford Truck	500.00
22	Soda and Acid Fire Extinguishers	155.00
13	Indian Pumps	163.00
4	2½ Gal. Hand Pumps	60.00
6	Ten Qt. Pails	15.00
16	Brooms	16.00
5	Shovels	5.00
12	Reducers	60.00

OSWALD MEUNIER,
Forest Fire Dept. Warden.

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens

Daniel Daniels
Albert Servant
Romeo Lippe
Harry Michaels

Emile Caouette
Joseph Mandeville
Archie Langevin
Rosario Bellerose

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Dear Sirs:

I hereby submit the report of the Department of Weights and Measures for the year 1955.

The amount of fees collected through this department was \$389.70.

Scales	Adjusted	Sealed	Not Sealed
Over 10,000 lbs.	2	5	
5,000 to 10,000 lbs.			
100 to 5,000 lbs.		78	
Under 100 lbs.		183	
Weights		359	
Yard Sticks		13	
Liquid Measurers		0	
Gas Meters		69	
Vehicle Meters	4	29	
Vehicle Tank Comp.		1	
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Total	6	737	

RETESTS MADE

Summary of Inspections

Fibre Cartons	6
Peddler's License	8
Markings Bread	305
Clinic Thermometers	10
Peddler's Scales	5

WEIGHING AND INSPECTIONS

	Tested	Correct	Under	Over
Bread	305	271	14	20
Butter	175	175		
Confectionary	280	280		
Dry Commodities	118	118		
Dry Goods	10	10		
Flour	170	170		
Fruits and Vegetables	250	220	5	25
Lard	60	60		
Meat and Provisions	325	270	40	15
Potatoes	275	230	5	40

Respectfully submitted,

G. R. LARIVIERE,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

Following is our annual report to you on recreation in the Town of Southbridge. We experienced some flood damage on all areas where recreation activities are conducted, but none so extensively that adequate repairs cannot be made with funds from our ordinary annual budget. This report is divided into four separate reports submitted by the Chairmen of each recreational area for the sake of clarity.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK P. SKINYON,
General Chairman.
ARMAND BELLERIVE,
Co-Chairman.

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REPORT OF DRESSER ST. FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE

To the Chairman of the Recreation Committee:

The following organized activities took place on Dresser Street Field during the year 1955:

Baseball—

This was the largest participating sport of the season with eleven leagues using the three diamonds. Following are the leagues and the number of children and adults participating.

A—Minor League—60 boys—Ages 7 to 10.

B—Little League—60 boys—Ages 8 to 12.

C—Babe Ruth League—60 boys—Ages 13 to 15.

D—American Legion League—18 boys—16 to 18.

E—Mary E. Wells High School Girls Softball League—20 Girls.

F—Mary E. Wells High School Baseball—18 boys.

G—Cole Trade School Baseball—18 boys.

H—Notre Dame Baseball—18 boys.

I—Elementary Schools—60 boys.

J—Parochial School League—60 boys.

K—Industrial League Softball Finals—30 men.

Conn.—6 teams 15 to 18—3 games a week. May to October.

Inds. 6 teams 15 to 18—50. 3 games per week.

Track—

Cole Trade School was the only local school that had a track team. Tantasqua Regional School was then allowed to practice on the track because of their lack of a field.

Football—

Wells High used the football area for practice for eight weeks of the football season in the fall. They played four home games, concluding with the game against Bartlett of Webster on Thanksgiving Day.

Basketball—

An afternoon league consisting of four teams with a total of 60 boys ranging from 10 to 14 years of age was organized.

In the evening under lights, five boys' teams and three girls' teams played throughout the summer months.

Band Concerts—

A total of three band concerts was held at the field during the summer with many adults enjoying the music under the lights in the evening.

Tennis—

Two courts were open at all times with the children allowed to enjoy them during the day and the adults using the courts during the evening hours under the lights.

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Pingpong—

Two tables of pingpong were available for continual use from the early morning to closing hours.

A series of Teen-Age Hops, danced to records, was started. These took place under the lights on the Basketball Court for eight consecutive Friday evenings during the summer. They proved very popular with the boys and girls as well as successful as a project, they had a continued high attendance of two hundred and fifty to three hundred at each hop. Disc jockeys from Radio Station WESO were hired to M. C. these dances.

During the year a new project was completed which consists of a sixty-foot shuffleboard which shall be put into operation when the new season starts in the spring.

Electricity was installed in the large grandstand.

Eighty new posts were bought and installed in the ground surrounding the football area to hold the cable.

A new gas regulated water heater was installed in the clubhouse for the showers.

A protective cage was built around the heater.

During the winter months all interiors of the clubhouses were painted and all the machinery was repaired.

All grandstands were painted during the summer, with the two scoreboards being painted in the fall.

Two new pingpong tables are now being built and will be ready for the reopening of Dresser St. Field in the spring.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS VanDERNOOT,
Chairman, Dresser St. Field.

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REPORT OF ALUMNI FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE

To the Chairman of the Recreation Committee:

Dear Sir:

Alumni Field was put into excellent shape for baseball early in the season and was in full swing during the spring until the aqueous interruption in August.

The field was used for the school program of physical education every day school was in session from early spring until the schools closed for the summer. The Parochial schools held their practice sessions and regular games here throughout the summer.

All the high schools used the field for baseball for both practice and games. The grade schools used the field for practically all their games.

The Community Softball League, the Industrial Softball League and some independent teams used the field for their

activities up to the time of the flood. The flood ended practically all recreation activity for the year.

Respectfully submitted,

LORENZO BEAUPRE,
Chairman, Alumni Field Committee.

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REPORT OF THE HENRY STREET FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE

Softball—

The Community League fielded 6 teams, making use of the softball diamond on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from May 15th to August 19th, when the season ended abruptly by the 1955 disastrous flood. The league was scheduled to play until October.

The Industrial League availed itself of the softball diamond on Mondays and Wednesdays, from the dates mentioned above.

The two leagues represented 15 players on each team or approximately 150 men participated in softball every week.

The attendance to the games varied from 50 to 200 fans per night. An additional section was erected to the backstop. Bleachers were erected to seat approximately 75 persons.

Swings—

With 12 swings in the area, children of all ages, even adults, availed themselves of this recreation from early morning to darkness.

Volley Ball—

One court saw 10 to 20 young people, boys and girls, nightly, mostly teenagers, bounce that Volley Ball from 6:00 o'clock to darkness.

Basketball—

Two baskets, although the court is not ready for games yet, were used extensively for practice shots by boys and girls.

Sandbox—

For the very young and mothers, this 10'x6' sandbox found the 2 to 10-year-olds enjoying themselves nightly.

Ping-Pong—

Four tables were in constant use every night.

Zelball—

One set, 15 to 20 played this game daily.

Quoits—

One court—Teenagers participated nightly.

Horseshoes—

Two courts—a 15-footer and 30-footer for different age groups were in constant use.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS BRUNELLE,
Chairman, Henry St. Field Com.

REPORT OF TOWN ENGINEER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit the following report of the work accomplished by the Engineering Department for the year 1955.

New Construction — Planned, Laid Out, Inspection

1. Retaining wall on Hamilton St.—Highway Dept.
2. Retaining wall on Chestnut St.—Highway Dept.
3. Forest Ave. grading and drain—Highway Dept.
4. Central, Hook & Foster Sts.—Leo Construction Co.
5. High St.—Ciesla Bros., Inc.
6. Cole Trade High School Addition—F. X. Laliberte.
7. Judith Avenue Sewer—C. F. Chase.
8. Mary Ellen Lane Sewer—C. F. Chase.
9. Roosevelt Drive Sewer—C. F. Chase.
10. Park St. Sewer—C. F. Chase.
11. Eastford Rd. Sewer—C. F. Chase.
12. Park Ave. Sewer—Ciesla Bros., Inc.
13. Adeline St. Sewer—Ciesla Bros., Inc.
14. Forest Ave. Sewer—Ciesla Bros., Inc.

New Streets Laid Out

Ashland Avenue	Sunny Hill Drive
Park Avenue Extension	Forest Avenue
Snow Street Extension	Mary Ellen Lane
Ames Street	Judith Avenue
Grandview Drive	Dennison Hill Road
Upland Avenue	Gerard Street
Lee Street	Lemoine Hill Road
	Margaret Street

Surveys

Durfee Street Drain	Henry Street Field Drain
Drain on Old South Road	Woodycrest Avenue Drain

Drain on Newell Avenue
 Oliver Street
 Robert Street
 Hyde Co. Sewer
 Brook Road Walk
 Hartwell Street Extension
 Snow Street
 Pleasant Street Drain at
 McKinstry's

Vinton Street and Bridge
 Brookside Road and Bridge
 Hook, Central and Foster Sts.
 Dennison Hill Road
 Park Avenue Extension
 Town Dump Lines
 Fiske Street Sewer

Investigations and Miscellaneous

Boring tests for bridges
 Plimpton Street and Bridge
 Industrial Site
 112 House Numbers
 36 Street Lines
 Check Ice for Skating
 Finish Plans for Cemetery
 Visit all old Town Roads with Fire Marshal
 Contracts for Garbage Collection
 Investigation of 12 Blocked Sewer Lines
 Specifications for Sand and Gravel
 Locate Drain Lines on School and Collier Streets
 Contracts for Floor Covering at Town Hall
 Cady Brook Dredging
 Clearing Swimming Pool Bank
 Inspect Morris Street New Gas Line and Resurfacing
 New Town Street Lists
 Locating 20 Sewer Manholes
 Flood

Street Bounds Set

Forest Ave.	2	Forest Ave.	3
Highland St.	2	Mary Ellen Lane	4
Proulx Ave.	1	Judith Ave.	3
Roosevelt Drive	3	Dennison Hill Rd.	2
Woodycrest Ave.	1	Gerard St.	1
Cor. Highland & South	1	Lemoine Hill Rd.	1
		Margaret St.	2

The storm Diane on August 19, 1955, poured a deluge of torrential rain up the country side. Streams were raised out of their banks and the Flat Section of the Town and portion of the Globe had to be evacuated, homes were destroyed, business establishments flooded and their goods swept away or destroyed.

The homeless were fed, clothed, housed and furnished medical treatment and supplies. Industries and business establishments were put back in operation. Credit must be given to the Red Cross, to the Federal Agencies and to State and Local

Agencies for their contributions and, above all, for the stricken people who, notwithstanding their losses, faced these most distressing conditions with courage and determined efforts to help themselves.

From the outset of this catastrophe I was named Engineering Officer for Civil Defense, and as such, had charge of all construction and rehabilitation work to be done. I was also named Liaison Officer between the State, Federal and Town Agencies and this required my having access to all records for expenditures for requesting reimbursement for the Town.

The Engineering Department has been doing very little work other than flood work since August 18. It has been our work the provide all agencies with any and all information needed for the reconstruction of roads, bridges, culverts, drains, sewers, and so forth. The total estimated damage in the Town of Southbridge will rise to the figure of \$3,000,000, the largest portion of which will be paid for by the Federal and State Agencies.

We have requested flood protection from all agencies available. The following is the list of work which we feel must be done in order to provide the needed flood protection in this Town.

1. Dredge and/or widen river
 - a) where cross sectional area is insufficient to carry flood quantities.
 - b) where silt, sand, stone, etc., have accumulated and causes change in course of river.
2. Rebuild dams at Cedar Pond, Little Alum, Hamilton Reservoir, Mashpaug and Holland Ponds to provide sufficient needed spillway areas for flood conditions.
3. Build flood dykes and/or walls along industrial properties where value of land exceeds costs of walls.
4. Replace all remaining bridges that do not provide needed areas for flood conditions.
5. Do similar work on all tributaries of river.

Specific locations and work needed are as follows:

 1. Ames Textile Corp. and Globe Tool & Die Co.
 - a) Reconstruct or remove Big Pond Dam, so called
 - b) Clear channel from spillway of Big Pond Dam to River Street
 - c) Clear out tail race at Ames Textile Corp.
 2. Russell Harrington Cutlery Co.
 - a) Reconstruct dam
 - b) Clear channel from River Street southeasterly to the Central Street Bridge.
 3. Clear and widen channel between Central Street and Mechanic Street bridges.
 4. Shields — Deepen river and build walls to prevent erosion.

5. Michaels — Rebuild retaining wall.
6. Southbridge Lumber Co. — Remove remains of dam west of Central Street bridge.
7. Central Street Bridge — Rebuild with added capacity and new alignment.
8. A. O. property
 - a) Clear channel and remove disposed silt at pond west of A. O. dam
 - b) Clear river channel and canal from A. O. dam to end of A. O. property for a distance of about two thousand (2,000) feet
 - c) Clear overflow at property line
 - d) Rebuild dam.
9. Southbridge Finishing Co.
 - a) Clear canal from river to company dam
 - b) Rebuild dam
 - c) Rebuild canal gates
 - d) Clear river channel from dam to Southbridge-Dudley line
 - e) Clear canals from company dam to confluence with Quinebaug River.
10. Nuisance Brook
 - a) Increasing capacity of Nuisance Brook by constructing a diversion drain from area back of swimming pool, thence through private property to South Street, thence to West Street, thence along West Street to Quinebaug River
 - b) Improving Nuisance Brook by constructing a 60" concrete storm drain from the north side of Dresser Street to the west side of Marsh Street for a distance of approximately one thousand one hundred fifteen (1,115) feet
 - c) Reconstruct washed out flume and retaining wall at confluence of Nuisance Brook and Quinebaug River.
11. Cohasse Brook
 - a) Clearing of channel from Cohasse Dam at Cohasse Country Club northeasterly to confluence of Cohasse Brook and Quinebaug River for a distance of eight thousand (8,000) feet.
12. Dean Brook
 - a) Clearing of channel from Charlton town line to its confluence with Quinebaug River for a distance of five thousand (5,000) feet.
13. Cady Brook
 - a) Clearing and widening of channel from the southerly side of Route 20 in Charlton southerly and southeasterly to its confluence with Quinebaug River for a distance of nine thousand (9,000) feet.

14. McKinstry Brook

- a) Clearing of channel from west side of Plimpton Street southerly to confluence with Quinebaug River for a distance of four thousand (4,000) feet.

Again this year, all work was done with the full cooperation of the Highway Department and the Board of Selectmen, which resulted in better work and a great saving to the Town of Southbridge.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of your Board and other Boards, Committees, and Departments for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. RACICOT,
Town Engineer.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

As Director of the Department of Veterans' Services and Agent for Veterans' Benefits in the Town of Southbridge, I hereby submit my report of activities and services rendered for the year 1955.

VETERANS' SERVICES

This office is available to all veterans of Southbridge and their dependents, seeking information pertaining to their rights and benefits under Federal and State Laws.

It is the policy of this department to inform all eligible veterans, and their dependents, how to obtain benefits within the limits of the laws governing each agency.

Photostatic copies of discharges are being developed and recorded for Korean Veterans. In addition copies of marriage, birth, death, and other certificates were made for Veterans' Benefit Claims and claims against the Veterans' Administration.

A great majority of eligible discharged Korean Veterans have filed for the Massachusetts State Bonus through this office.

Claims for abatement of real estate taxes were filed by disabled veterans, widows and Gold Star Parents.

There were several cases pertaining to lost discharges and burial allowances.

Claims were filed with the Veterans' Administration and other branches of the government, pertaining to education, training, subsistence allowance, insurance payments, medical

treatment, hospitalization, compensation and pension for veterans and their dependents, flags for military funerals, re-employment rights, employment difficulties, unemployment compensation, as well as numerous telephone calls and letters.

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Under Chapter 115, and its amendments, each application for Veterans' Benefits submitted to the Town after thorough investigation in this office is forwarded to the office of the Commissioner, Department of Veterans' Services, for approval, as under this Chapter the State agrees to reimburse the Town for one-half of all aid granted, said reimbursement being made every four months. An investigator from the State Office periodically checks the local agent's office, in addition to personally contacting the recipient of Veterans Benefits.

Under the Law of the Commonwealth, if a veteran, or his dependents, meet all requirements of eligibility and he falls in need of financial assistance through no fault of his own, he is granted Veterans' Benefits. The amount varies, and is dependent upon the particular needs of the individual case. Any amount received from Federal Benefits or other financial grants is deducted from the amount that is allowed by this department, and therefore helps to reduce that which must be expended by the town.

A total of 118 applications for Veterans' Benefits were received during the year ending December 31, 1955.

109 Cases with Southbridge Settlement

5 Cases with out-of-town settlement

4 War Allowance

As of December 31, 1955, there were 65 active cases on file, aiding 115 persons.

In addition to the above, many cases are pending settlement and, as a result, constant follow-up service is maintained and reviews and appeals are requested where awards are considered unfair or insufficient.

This office, located in the Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, is open daily from 9 a. m. to 12 a. m. and 1 p. m. to 5 p. m., Monday through Friday. The office is also open Thursday night, 7 p. m. to 8 p. m.

For detail of expenditures and reimbursements of this department, please refer to report of the Town Accountant.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all town departments, officials at Holyoke Soldiers Home, Roxbury and Boston, Veterans' Administration Hospitals, local industries, veterans organizations and their auxiliaries, and all others who helped to carry out the services of this department.

I also wish to express my thanks to the American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, Salvation Army, Mrs. Nora Harmon, Rehabilitation Chairman Veterans Foreign Wars Auxiliary,

The Elks and the various persons who wish to remain anonymous, who responded to our appeal so generously during the August Flood.

Respectfully submitted,
ROLAND G. HETU,
Director.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1955.

The wiring permits issued were as follows:

New Buildings	43
Remodeling and Additions to Already Erected Buildings	118
Additions to Old Wiring	265
Oil Burners	136
Electric Ranges	112
Electric Hot Water Heaters	37
Miscellaneous	65
Clothes Dryers	28
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Total Permits	804
Inspections While Work in Progress	1229
Recommendations to Change Wiring	146

Respectfully submitted,
ARTHUR J. ENO,
Inspector of Wires.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The Board of Public Welfare met weekly on Monday evenings at 7:00 P. M. throughout the year.

Mr. Ovide Desrosiers, a Board Member for eighteen years, died on December 1, 1955.

The relief programs under the direction of the Board of Public Welfare are: Aid to Dependent Children, Old Age Assistance, Disability Assistance, General Relief and the Town Infirmary.

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

A public assistance program established under Chapter 118 of the General Laws, under which cash allowances are provided for children who are living in a home maintained by their father, mother, or other relative when death, long term illness or some other factor has deprived the child of the normal support or care of either father or mother. Cash allowances are based upon a mandatory State Standard Budget. Under this program, cities and towns receive State and Federal reimbursements.

Total Cost	\$50,086.15
Federal Reimbursement	21,955.44
State Reimbursement	15,780.60
Refund and Recoveries	788.00
Total Reimbursements	38,514.04
Net Cost to Town	11,572.11

An average of one hundred and twelve children per month were aided.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

A program of public assistance, established by Chapter 118A of the General Laws, under which cash allowances are provided for elderly persons (65 years of age or over and citizen of the United States) who are in need. Cash allowances are based upon a mandatory State Standard Budget. Under this program, cities and towns receive State and Federal reimbursements.

Total Cost	\$236,974.88
Federal Reimbursement	105,122.71
State Reimbursement	87,149.41
Refunds	1,323.60
Recovery under Lien Law	4,046.86
Cities and Towns Reimbursements	1,778.75
Meal Tax	4,818.03
Total Reimbursements	204,239.36
Net Cost to Town	32,735.52

An average of three hundred and six cases per month were aided.

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

A program of public assistance established under Chapter 118D of the General Laws, under which cash allowances are provided for needy persons found to be permanently disabled and medically unemployable. In order to be eligible for assistance under this program, a person must be eighteen years of

age or over. Cash allowances are based upon a mandatory State Standard Budget. Under this program, cities and towns receive State and Federal reimbursements.

Total Cost	\$20,532.29
State Reimbursement	7,118.79
Federal Reimbursement	8,145.74
Refunds	34.70
Total Reimbursements	15,299.23
Net Cost to Town	5,233.06

An average of twenty-one persons were aided during the year 1955.

INFIRMARY

The infirmary is under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dowling. An average of thirteen inmates were aided through the year at a cost of \$15.43 per week per inmate.

We wish to express our thanks to the various clubs and organizations and individuals who donated gifts to the inmates during the Holidays.

GENERAL RELIEF

Assistance given to needy persons by the local Board of Public Welfare, under Chapter 117 of the General Laws. Aid may be in cash or by actual provision of the item or service.

Total Cost	\$48,068.77
State Reimbursement	3,160.34
Refunds	129.30
Total Reimbursements	3,289.64
Net Cost to Town	44,779.13

One hundred and eighteen persons per month were aided.

We wish to express our sincerest thanks to the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Elks, Rotary Club, Exchange Club, Civitan Club, Lions' Club, American Legion, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Y.M.C.A., Salvation Army, Mother's Club, and the various persons who wish to remain anonymous, for their generous donations toward our Summer Camp and Christmas Projects for the needy children of our community; also through the generosity of these organizations during the entire year, we were able to provide extras to the needy families of the community.

Our most heartfelt gratitude to the American Red Cross, who, as Official Relief Agency, met the needs of the stricken during the flood of August 19, 1955.

Respectfully submitted,
 HERMAS LIPPE,
 Acting Chairman;
 RAYMOND L. BOUCHER,
 Third Member;
 LILIAN G. PROULX,
 Welfare Agent.

DEPT. OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Dear Sirs:

Upon taking over the Civil Defense Department July 1st of this year after the resignation of Chief of Police Ovide Desrosier as Director, I found the greatest stumbling block to be public apathy. No one could see the need for a well equipped and well trained Civil Defense Department. Outside of the Police and Fire Departments, who are considered by law to be the core of Civil Defense planning, and a group of amateur radio operators dedicated to public service, there was no department. It lacked equipment and funds, not because of lack of proper direction but because of lack of public understanding.

On August 18, 1955, Southbridge was hit with the most disastrous flood in its history. The Police and Fire Departments, along with hastily organized rescue groups in coordination with Civil Defense, performed miracles in saving lives and injuries. The radio amateurs went into immediate action providing our only communications link for days. The Engineering Department asked for equipment through the State Civil Defense and got immediate assistance from the state and national level. The Health, Welfare, Highway, and Sewer Departments went into action with, and as part of my staff.

The combined effort of these people in conjunction with the Civil Defense, has made the department a thing of reality. At the state level in Civil Defense the praise of this action is gratifying to hear. Our action here in Southbridge has set far reaching precedents. I hope in the coming year we can justify this praise by our continued faith in Civil Defense.

The man hours expended by my staff and the cooperating aforementioned town departments amounted to 30,275 hours, in the emergency stages of the disaster.

We, in Civil Defense, need the cooperation of the citizens of Southbridge to build and maintain this Department, also to provide the necessary funds for operation and equipping the department.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES R. McLAM,
Civil Defense Director.

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Street Superintendent wishes to submit the following report of the activities of the Highway Department for the year ended December 31, 1955.

All country roads were graveled, graded and rolled, surface water drains cleaned and flushed, and brush cut along the roadsides, all town streets were patched several times during the season.

The Street Oiling program was half completed, but most of the work was destroyed by the flood of August 19th.

Drains were cleaned and flushed, brush cut, and roads patched under Chapter 90 Maintenance.

Road Machinery Maintenance costs were extremely high because of flood damage to some of the equipment; also damage to truck tires caused by traveling over roads and streets covered with debris.

It is impossible to give a detailed report because practically all records were destroyed by the flood. I wish to thank all other departments for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH E. BENOIT,
Street Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The Planning Board submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1955.

ZONE CHANGES

Two zone changes were approved, Woodstock Road and Ashland Avenue; the other was Worcester Street, Mechanic Street and Olney Avenue.

SUBDIVISIONS

Conditional approval was granted to Big Bunny Market, Inc., to develop a plot of land on the east side of North Woodstock Road.

MAPS

The Zoning Map is being brought up to date by a planning consultant, a 1955 contour map of the Town is in the planning board office.

Many citizens of the Town appeared before the Board for information and help concerning the Zoning Map and By-Laws. Copies of our Zoning Map and By-Laws were sent, upon request to Towns organizing their own planning boards.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD M. WALSH, Chairman,
WM. B. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Sec'y.
JAMES J. FALLON,
RAYMOND J. LATAILLE,
ROLAND A. PONTBRIAND,
Planning Board.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

This is my report of work accomplished during the year 1955.

Thirty-three dogs were quarantined and released. All barns inspected and all neat animals inspected and enumerated, books returned to Division of Disease Control, Boston, Mass.

Respectfully submitted,

ALCIDE FOURNIER,
Animal Inspector.

REPORT OF BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The By-Laws Committee have not quite completed their work on the by-laws revision for the Town of Southbridge.

We wish to report that this work will be completed within the next few weeks.

We will not require any additional money above the balance of our appropriation which we would like to retain, amounting to \$234.46.

Respectfully submitted,

OSWALD J. LALIBERTE,
Chairman,
By-Laws Committee.

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF REVIEW FOR CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with Section 9, Article 8 of the 1954 Town Warrant, the following is the report of the Advisory Board of Review for Classification and Compensation for the year 1955:

The Board consisted of Mario J. DeAngelis, Chairman; George W. Laughnane, Clerk, and Ernest Farland, third member. Edgar Tremblay was appointed to this Board in June to replace Ernest Farland who was appointed to the Assessors' Office.

The Board held a number of meetings with town officials on Wages and Classification problems during the year. The Board also met with the Finance Committee and made its recommendation on salaries.

At present the Classification and Compensation Plan, as approved by the 1954 Town Meeting, does not including many town positions. To name a few, the three members of the Sewer Commission, Board of Registrars and Custodian of the Town Dump are not included in this Plan.

The Board plans to make a study of this during 1956, and will make a report of their recommendations to the Board of Selectmen during 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIO J. DeANGELIS, Chairman,
GEORGE W. LAUGHNANE, Clerk,
EDGAR TREMBLEY, Third Member.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF JACOB EDWARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

TRUSTEES FOR THE EDWARDS BEQUEST

W. Wesley Crawford
Ellsworth D. Mitchell

Jacob K. Edwards
John O. Martin

FOR THE TOWN

Oswald J. Laliberte

Edward P. Sheehan
Dr. Nerio W. Pioppi, Chairman

LIBRARY HOURS

Open 1956:

Monday - Friday	10.00 a. m. - 9:00 p. m.
Saturday	10:00 a. m. - 6:00 p. m.

Closed 1956:

January 2	New Year's Day
February 22	Washington's Birthday
May 30	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 3	Labor Day
October 12	Columbus Day
November 12	Veterans' Day
November 22	Thanksgiving Day
December 25	Christmas Day

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

1955 followed the trend of past years with a substantial increase in the annual circulation. The major portion of this lies with the juvenile readers. This is especially remarkable when one realizes that juvenile circulation has grown from 14,000 to 37,000 since the present building was opened with no increase in facilities. Consequently crowded accommodations have seriously hindered the realization of full service to children such as they should expect. This is especially serious since there are no school libraries here for specialized work with children. It is urgent that this situation be remedied.

A program of weekly movies, obtained for low cost from the State Extension Service, was started during the past winter. After a slow beginning, the attendance gradually built up until there are usually between twenty and twenty-five present. This has attracted several who before had been unfamiliar with the library. The publicity in the Southbridge Evening News and on Station WESO contributed substantially to its success.

The Children's Reading Club had for its theme last summer "West with the Pioneers." Tally was kept by small covered wagons that moved a thousand miles for each four books read. Several crossed the continent more than once. Mrs. Mary Hazelton, Children's Librarian, assisted by Sylvia Gregoire, Elizabeth Harvey and Joanne Houle, planned the program of songs, games and stories that rounded out the regular meetings.

Fortunate the flood of August 19 brought only a little water in the lower corridor and the boiler room and caused no actual damage. The library reopened Tuesday, the 22d, from 1 to 5 using sunlight for illumination. Electricity was restored the following day and the building remained open until a half hour before curfew. The library is now collecting a source file of pictures and personal reminiscences of local persons affected by the flood.

In September the new librarian arrived and has been deeply impressed with the fine work accomplished by the small staff under the expert guidance of Mrs. Heather who had been acting librarian. They have been most pleasant about cooperating with the ideas of the librarian even though it meant added work for them. The Board of Trustees, too, has demonstrated that their genuine interest in the library extends to encouraging the innovations suggested by the librarian.

New lighted display cases were constructed at each end of the reading room. Now displays can be enhanced by small objects of value that will be protected by glass doors.

A Sunday program of recorded music, "Adventures in Music", accepted the library as "sponsor" as a public service by Station WESO. This is narrated by the Reverend William Slater who plans programs around the library's record collection with the cooperation of the Music Group. All the "commercials" concern the use of the library.

Superintendent Fox arranged for the librarian to visit each of the elementary schools to become acquainted and explain the services of the library. A way must be found to get more books to children in grades one to three who are too small to come to the library.

A Book Fair was held during Book Week, November 13-19. The purpose was not only to stimulate use of the library but to encourage the acquisition of personal book collections. Classes were scheduled to attend. New children's library books were displayed, and adult and juvenile books were available for sale. There were several exhibits of a bookish nature. The Senior Girl Scouts were invaluable in making the Fair a success.

The librarian congratulates the town on its fine library and its exceptional Board of Trustees and will do everything possible to uphold the tradition of service.

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF CIRCULATION

	1954	1955
General Works	214	189
Philosophy	599	609
Religion	644	794
Sociology	1,233	1,318
Language	177	184
Science	866	878
Useful Arts	2,421	2,383
Fine Arts	2,043	1,753
Literature	1,579	1,858
History	992	1,036
Travel	1,301	1,468
Biography	2,274	3,003
Total Adult Non-Fiction	14,343	15,473

Current Periodicals	3,071	2,834
Pamphlets	430	447
Foreign Books	289	268
Fiction	26,930	27,649
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Total Adult Circulation	45,063	46,671
Records	152	200
Pictures	389	541
Children's Books and Periodicals	31,598	37,205
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GRAND TOTAL	77,202	84,617

STATISTICAL RECORD

Date of Founding	1871
Population Served	18,000
Days open during the year	302
Hours open each week	63
Number of volumes January 1, 1955	37,646
Number of volumes added	1,458
New	1,440
Replaced	18
(includes 152 books by gift and transfer from rental)	
Number of volumes discarded and lost	749
Number of volumes December 31, 1955	38,355
Number of registered borrowers	5,069
Number of volumes lent for home use	84,617
Largest circulation for one day	511
Smallest circulation for one day	93
Average circulation per day	280

LIBRARY STAFF

Librarian	Mary Anna Tien
Reference Librarian	Hilda Heather
Children's Librarian	Mary Hazelton
Bookkeeper and General Assistant	Gladys Hobson
Circulation Librarian	Carmela DeAngelis
Janitor	Joseph Lataille

PART TIME STAFF

Marilyn Anderson	Joanne Houle
Catherine Beebe	Viola Michael
Sylvia Gregoire	Helen Rowley
Kathryn Hart	Rita Roy
Elizabeth Harvey	Loretta Spiro

Respectfully submitted,
MARY ANNA TIEN,
Librarian.

1955 RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Cash Balance January 1, 1955	\$ 1,339.28
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Receipts:

Town Appropriation	\$19,340.00	
Town Appropriation—Special	1,000.00	
Mynott Fund Interest	30.00	
Trustees of Edwards Trust Funds	7,361.27	
Rental of Records	24.90	
Sale of Books	3.50	27,759.67
		\$29,098.95

Expenditures:

Payroll	\$16,042.71	
Building Expenses	2,238.14	
Operating Expenses	1,000.00	
Building Maintenance	718.06	
Grounds Maintenance	152.40	
Books and Periodicals	4,009.96	
Book Repairs	78.65	
Films	193.50	
Equipment	50.00	
Total Expenses	\$24,483.42	
Transfer to Reserve for Building Repairs and Improvements	2,500.00	
Transfer to E&D Account	12.96	
Total		26,996.38

Cash Balance December 31, 1955	\$ 2,102.57
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Represented by:

Trustees Cash	\$ 1,080.80	
Mynott Fund Interest	21.33	
Pilsudski Fund Interest44	
Special Account	1,000.00	
		\$ 2,102.57

RESERVE FOR BUILDING REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS

Balance January 1, 1955	\$12,981.36
Add:	
Interest	326.56
Transfer	2,500.00
Balance December 31, 1955	\$15,807.92

PILSUDSKI BOOK CLUB FUND

Balance January 1, 1955	\$	208.90
Add:		
Interest		6.30
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Balance December 31, 1955	\$	215.20

The following tabulation indicates the proportion of the cost of the Library borne by the taxpayers of the Town of Southbridge:

	1955		1956	
	Budget	%	Expenditures	%
Expenses paid by the Town:				
Appropriation — Regular	\$19,340.00		\$19,340.00	
Appropriation — Special	1,000.00		1,000.00	
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	\$20,340.00	75.8	\$19,340.00	79.0
Expenses paid by Trust Funds:				75.9
Edwards Trust	\$ 6,490.00	24.2	5,106.62	
Mynott Fund			32.80	21.0
Pilsudski Fund			4.00	6,650.00
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	\$26,830.00	100.0	\$24,483.42	100.0
			\$27,541.00	100.0

If the amount collected by the Library and turned in to the Town Treasurer, \$1,237.45, is taken into consideration, the net cost to the taxpayers for 1955 is \$18,102.55 or 73.9% of the total cost for the year.

Attention is called to the estimated contribution for 1956 of \$6,650.00 from Trust Funds. On this basis the Town cost will be only 75.9% of the total budget including the special appropriation of \$1,000.00.

In the interest of the public the Trustees urgently recommend that the facilities of the library be expanded to provide space for a Children's Section. To this end the Special Appropriation will be accumulated and this, together with Trust Funds will be used for alterations to the existing building necessary to provide such facilities.

Approved by Trustees, The Jacob Edwards
Memorial Library,
NERIO W. PIOPLI, Chairman
EDWARD P. SHEEHAN
JACOB K. EDWARDS
OSWALD J. LALIBERTE
JOHN O. MARTIN
E. D. MITCHELL
W. WESLEY CRAWFORD

**FORTIETH REPORT
OF THE
TOWN ACCOUNTANT
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE**

**For The Year Ending
December 31, 1955**

LEON A. CARON, Town Accountant

REVENUE — 1955

General Revenue

Taxes:

Current Year:

Poll	\$ 10,239.31	
Personal	167,575.74	
Real Estate	836,583.46	
Motor Vehicle Excise	124,359.23	\$1,138,757.74

Previous Years:

Poll	\$ 126.00	
Personal	3,860.33	
Real Estate	36,030.58	
Motor Vehicle Excise	13,462.70	53,479.61

From State:

Business — Corporation		
Tax	\$ 50,793.58	
Income Tax	85,094.76	
School Aid Accord- ing to Chapter 70	90,100.00	
Meal Tax — Old		
Age Assistance	4,818.03	230,806.37

Licenses and Permits:

Licenses:

Liquor	\$ 14,704.00
Hawkers, Peddlars and Junk	200.00
Sunday Store	15.00

Common Victuallers and Innholders	33.00	
Pool, Billiard and Bowling	26.00	
Milk and Oleo	76.00	
Auto Dealers Licenses	71.00	
Auctioneers	12.00	
Taxis and Drivers ...	22.00	
Firearms	124.00	
All Others	1,073.66	16,356.66

Permits:

Garage	\$ 28.50	
Gasoline and Motor Oil	27.50	
Kerosene and Fuel Oil	1.75	
All Other	71.75	129.50

**Fines and
Forfeitures:**

Court Fines		552.00
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Grants and Gifts:

From County:

Dog Licenses		2232.13
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From State:

Vocational Education \$	35,993.34	
Smith-Hughes Fund	1,168.00	
Rent Control		
Reimbursement	559.78	37,721.12

Highway Aid:

State and County—

Chapter 90:		
Contract #15434—		
County	\$ 5,092.20	
Contract #15434—		
State	10,184.40	
Contract #15114—		
State	1,000.00	16,276.60

Federal Grants and Gifts:

Aid to Dependent Children:

Salaries and Adm.	\$ 1,832.50	
Expense	21,955.44	23,787.94

Old Age Assistance:

Salaries and Adm.	\$ 8,447.92	
Expense	105,123.21	113,571.13
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Disability Assistance:

Salaries and Adm.	\$ 575.46	
Expense	8,145.74	8,721.20
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Other Revenue:

Tax Titles Sales and Redemption	181.29
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Total General Revenue \$1,642,573.29

Commercial Revenue**Departmental:****General Government:**

Treasurer	\$ 37.50	
Town Clerk	50.00	
Selectmen	1,068.83	
Town Hall	109.29	\$ 1,265.62
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Recreation 1.00

**Protection of Persons
and Property:**

Police	\$ 10.25
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Fire:

Sale of Old Material	19.98	30.23
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Sealers of Weights and**Measures:**

Sealing Fees	542.60
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Civil Defense Emergency**Housing:**

Comm. of Publ. Tel.	4.61
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Civil Defense67
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Ambulance Fees	2,458.35
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Health:

Contagious Diseases	879.98
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Highway:

Equipment Rental	5.00
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**Public Welfare and
Veteran Benefits:****Temporary Aid:**

From State	\$ 3,160.34	
From Individuals	35.00	3,195.34
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**Aid to Dependent
Children:**

From State	\$ 15,780.60	
From Individuals	721.00	16,501.60
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Old Age Assistance:

From State	\$ 87,149.41	
From Cities and Towns	1,778.75	
From Individuals	4,046.86	92,975.02
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Disability Assistance:

From State	7,118.79	
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Infirmary:

Reimbursements	1,761.45	
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Veteran Benefits:

From State	20,499.63	147,239.89
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Schools and Library:**Schools:**

Other Tuition	\$ 9,819.62	
Worcester County Elec- tric—Permit for poles	1,000.00	
All Other	3.00	10,822.62
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Library:

Fines and Sales	\$ 1,127.02	
All Other	465.55	1,592.57
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Unclassified:

Trailer Rents	3,577.70	
Parking Meter Receipts	18,491.74	
Airport Rental	2,650.00	
Federal Flood Dam- age Reimbursement	28,671.04	53,390.48
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Total Departmental Revenue \$ 213,045.56

Oak Ridge Cemetery:

Sale of Lots and Graves	\$ 1,390.00	
Graves Opened	1,170.00	2,560.00
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Special Assessments:

Sewers	\$ 2,215.93	
Sidewalks	232.01	2,447.94
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Interest:

On Deferred Taxes....	\$ 1,108.75	
On Special Assessments	78.77	
Town Clerk's Fees	2,851.70	
Tax Collector's Fees	674.30	
On Motor Veh. Excise	148.83	
On Tax Titles	7.47	
Tailings	224.87	5,094.69
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On Trust and Investment Funds:

Adah Stedman Fund	\$ 30.00		
Ella Cole Fund	90.74		
Mable Murphy Fund	60.00		
Mary Mynott Fund	30.00		
On Cemetery Fund	3,055.20	3,265.94	13,368.75
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Municipal Indebtedness:**Temporary Loans:**

Anticipation of Revenue	575,000.00
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Agency, Trust and Investment:**Agency:**

Dog Licenses—Due County	\$ 1,849.00
Fed. Withholding Tax	106,943.69
Blue Cross	9,156.75
Deposits on Plans and Bids	6,185.00
Fed. Lunch Program	32,637.19
School Athletic Fund	8,970.89

Deposit on Trailers	1,470.80	
Deposit on Garbage		
Contract & Deposit		
on Town Report ..	700.00	
C. D. E. Housing Elec-		
tric Receipts	324.74	168,238.06

Trust and Investment:

Perpetual Care	\$ 1,010.00		
Investment	3,375.00	4,385.00	172,623.06

Refunds:

School Exp.—1954	\$ 2.00
1954 Mot. Veh. Excise	24.42
Fed. Lunch Program	49.75
Veterans Benefits—Exp.	962.85
1952—Elm Street	4.00
Gen. Relief—Exp.	94.30
1954—Fire Dept.—Exp.	1.00
Old Age Assist.—Fed.	
Grant—Expense	582.95
Old Age Assist.—	
Expense—1954	24.60
Old Age Assist.—Exp.	776.25
School Athl. Fund	1.00
Town Collector—Exp.	5.00
School — Salary	60.00
Old Age Assist.—Fed.	
Grant Admin.	3.00
Int. on Revenue Loans	28.88
Highway — Expense	10.00
Road Mach. Mainten.	650.00
Dresser Field—Maint.	
and Improvement	2.25
Disability Assist.—Exp.	34.70
Outstanding Bills	
of 1954	98.00
1955 Real Est. Refund	118.00
Aid to Depend. Child.—	
Fed. Grant—Exp.	57.40
1955 School—Exp.	177.86
Mary Mynott Fund	17.63
1955 Poll Tax	2.00
Forest Fire—Exp.	1.75
1955 Mot. Veh. Excise	17.13
Driver Educ. Program	1.50

Insurance	16.64	
Police — Expense	97.38	
Town Clerk — Exp.	.44	
Emerg. Flood Relief— Expense	573.76	
High St. Construct.	8,628.70	
Treasurer's Expense	10.00	
Library — Expense	164.28	
Library — Salary	28.00	
Ambulance — Expense	24.74	
Treasurer — Salary	.60	13,352.76

Total Revenue for 1955	\$2,629,963.24
Cash on Hand, January 1, 1955	373,145.42
	<u>\$3,003,108.66</u>

EXPENDITURES — 1955

General Government

Moderator:

Salary	\$	60.00
Finance Committee		25.00

Selectmen:

Salaries and Wages:

Chairman	\$	550.00	
2 Members		899.96	
Clerk		2,300.00	
Extra Clerical		100.00	3,849.96

Other Expenses:

Supplies, Stationery and Postage	\$	270.45	
Printing & Advert.		178.93	
Telephone		167.65	
Equipm. & Mainten.		45.00	
All Other		122.77	
Travel, etc.		33.85	818.65

Garbage Collection		5,600.00	10,268.61
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Accountant:**Salaries and Wages:**

Accountant	\$ 3,900.00		
Clerk	1,835.00		
Extra Clerical	194.10	5,929.10	

Other Expenses:

Supplies, Stationery and Postage	\$ 67.58		
Printing & Advert.	266.56		
Telephone	1.15		
Equip. & Maint.	100.69		
Travel, Dues and All Other	59.38	495.36	6,424.46

Treasurer:**Salaries and Wages:**

Treasurer	\$ 2,400.00		
Clerk	2,100.60		
Extra Clerical	1,200.00	5,700.60	

Other Expenses:

Foreclosure Tax Titles	\$ 500.00		
Stationery & Postage	437.11		
Printing & Advert.	148.16		
Equip. & Maint.	47.61		
Telephone	167.70		
Surety Bond	278.00		
Dues, Travel and All Other	120.19	1,698.77	7,399.37

Town Collector:**Salaries and Wages:**

Collector	\$ 4,100.00		
Clerk	2,100.00		
Extra Clerical	1,241.51	7,441.51	

Other Expenses:

Stationery & Postage	\$1,178.56		
Printing & Advert.	572.96		
Telephone	139.45		
Surety Bond	415.50		
Equipm. & Maint.	42.54		
Travel, Dues and All Other	99.08	2,448.09	9,889.60

Assessors:**Salaries and Wages:**

Assessors—2 Memb.	\$	1,200.00		
Clerk of Board		3,900.00		
Clerk		2,200.00		
Extra Clerical		200.00	7,500.00	

Other Expenses:

Stationery & Postage	\$	886.09		
Travel, Dues and				
All Other		439.73		
Telephone		143.05		
Equipment and				
Maintenance		97.60	1,566.47	9,066.47

Law:**Salaries and Wages:**

Town Counsel		2,300.00		
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Other Expenses:

Stationery & Postage	\$	41.33		
Printing & Advert.		9.50		
Telephone		20.60		
Recording Fee		32.25		
Travel, Dues and				
All Other		189.50	293.18	2,593.18

Town Clerk:**Salaries and Wages:**

Town Clerk	\$	4,500.00		
Clerk		2,200.00		
Extra Clerical		617.05	7,317.05	

Other Expenses:

Supplies, Stationery				
and Postage	\$	227.90		
Printing & Advert.		43.93		
Telephone		200.85		
Surety Bond		15.00		
Equipm. & Maint.		72.95		
Travel, Dues and				
All Other		177.19	737.82	8,054.87

**Election and
Registration:****Salaries and Wages:**

3 Registrars	\$	300.00	
Clerk of Board		250.00	550.00

Election Expenses:

Election Officers	\$	1,267.77	
Clerical Services		683.34	
Supplies, Stationery and Postage		65.71	
Printing & Advert.		532.50	
Meals		43.27	
Carfares, Auto Hire, etc.		2.24	
Equipm. & Maint.		53.21	
All Other		40.26	2,688.30

Relisting Expenses:

Assistant Registrars \$	822.57		
Supplies and Postage	119.17		
Printing	566.00		
Advertising	5.63		
Mileage, Travel	10.51	1,523.88	4,762.18

Engineering:**Salaries and Wages:**

Engineer	\$	5,900.00	
Assistant Engineer ..		3,413.94	
Clerk and Helpers		4,762.07	14,076.01

Office Expense:

Printing, Stationery and Postage	\$	285.36	
Equip. & Maint.		82.15	
Telephone		140.00	
Dues		5.00	512.51

Field Expense:

Material and Supp. ..	\$	291.76	
Mileage, Travel		896.19	
Equip. & Maint.		350.00	1,537.95

Town Hall:**Salaries and Wages:**

Janitor	3,100.00	
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Other Expenses:

Fuel	\$ 3,085.77		
Light	823.62		
Janitor's Supplies	406.89		
Building and Boiler			
Repairs	323.81		
Telephone	66.30		
Water and All Other	572.29	5,278.68	8,378.68
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Retirement Board:

Administration	1,090.00	1,090.00
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By-Laws Revision:

Clerical Services	\$ 128.67	
Stationery, Supplies		
and Postage	137.02	265.69
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Planning Board:

Stationery, Supplies		
and Postage	\$ 122.12	
Mileage, Travel	153.82	
Dues	20.00	
Map	60.00	
All Other	1.25	357.19
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Total General Government	\$ 84,761.77
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Protection of Persons and Property**Police Department:****Salaries and Wages:**

Chief	\$ 4,899.96
Deputy Chief	4,500.00
Sergeant	3,900.00

Fingerprint and Identification:

Officer	\$ 3,955.86
Patrolmen	75,487.05

Lock Up Keeper	2,650.00		
Special Police and Matron and Doctors	1,881.93	97,274.80	
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Equipment and Maintenance:			
Motor Equipment \$	1,272.37		
Gasoline, Oil, etc.	1,748.86		
Radio	931.23		
Officers Equip.	349.69		
Additional Equip. ..	38.42	4,340.57	
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Fuel and Light:			
Fuel	\$ 617.21		
Light	519.79	1,137.00	
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Maint. of Buildings and Grounds:			
Repairs	\$ 570.67		
Janitors' Supplies	286.95		
Water and All Other	61.03	918.65	
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Other Expenses:			
Printing, Stationery and Postage	\$ 325.03		
Telephone	2,646.48		
Equip. & Maint.	142.20		
Photo and Finger- print Supplies	148.75		
Dues and All Other	139.50	3,401.96	
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Prisoners' Expenses:			
Matrons and Guards \$	10.00		
Board and Care Pri- vate Institutions ..	198.75		
Officers' Expense	78.15		
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School Safety Patrol Supplies		388.24	
Emergency Generating Plant		999.38	
Aux. Police Equip.		97.25	
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Parking Meter Div.:			
Salaries	\$ 10,733.50		
Expense	2,941.58		
New Cruiser	2,000.00	15,675.08	124,519.83
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Fire Department:

Salaries and Wages:

Chief	\$ 4,600.00	
Deputy Chief	4,400.00	
2 Captains	8,199.90	
Permanent Firemen	64,200.10	
Call Firemen	6,650.00	
Supt. of Alarm	350.00	
Clerk	100.00	88,500.00
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Equipment & Maintenance:

Apparatus Repairs \$	173.72	
Equip. for Men	529.22	
Apparatus Access. and Materials and Supplies	425.47	
Mobile Radio	199.44	
Gasoline and Oil	333.38	
Alarm Boxes, etc.	388.26	
Shop Equipm. and Maintenance	55.11	2,104.60
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Hydrant Service 21,255.00

Fuel and Light:

Fuel	\$ 1,936.29	
Light	335.76	2,272.05
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Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:

Repairs	\$ 235.12	
Furniture and Furnishings	77.98	
Laundry	39.33	
Care of Grounds	7.72	
Water, Janitor's Sup- plies and All Other	275.46	635.61
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Other Expenses:

Stationery, Supplies and Postage	\$ 54.32	
Telephone	378.15	
Office Equipment and Maintenance	13.25	
Dues, Mileage, Travel and All Other	82.67	528.39
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New Underground			
Cables and Alarm Boxes	2,936.59		
Liquid Foam	250.00		
Out of State Travel	42.09		
New Additon for Am- bulance Garage	79.82	118,604.15	

Forest Fire:

Salaries and Wages:			
Warden	200.00		
Other Expenses:			
Fighting Fires	\$ 350.69		
Radio Equipment and Maintenance	199.44		
Repair Parts, Gaso- line and Oil	253.43		
Materials and Sup- plies and All Other	391.08		
New Hose	402.00	1,596.64	1,796.64

Planting and Trimming Trees:

Salaries and Wages:			
Superintendent	\$ 384.51		
Labor	1,378.95	1,763.46	
Other Expenses:			
Hardware and Tools	\$ 63.66		
Equipment Rental	357.00	436.45	2,199.91

Moth Extermination:

Salaries and Wages:			
Superintendent	5.10		
Other Expenses:			
Truck Hire	\$ 315.78		
Insecticides	77.80		
Hardware and Tools	1.32	394.90	400.00

Dutch Elm Disease:

Salaries and Wages:			
Superintendent	\$ 202.89		
Labor	507.89	710.78	

Other Expenses:

Stationery, Printing and Postage .....	\$	.72		
Telephone		1.65		
Insecticides		544.60		
Hardware and Tools		34.00		
Equipment Hire		2,158.25	2,739.22	3,450.00

Building Inspector:**Salaries and Wages:**

Inspector			700.00	
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Other Expenses:

Telephone, Materials and Supplies	\$	49.42		
Mileage, Travel		100.58	150.00	850.00

Wire Inspector:**Salaries and Wages:**

Inspector			799.92	
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Other Expenses:

Telephone and Supplies	\$	60.00		
Mileage, Travel and and All Other		90.00	150.00	949.92

**Sealer of Weights
and Measures:****Salaries and Wages:**

Sealer			1,600.00	
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Other Expenses:

Stationery and Postage	\$	4.00		
Printing & Advert.		5.00		
Carfares, Auto Hire, etc.		300.00		
Equip. & Maint.		19.00		
Telephone		51.65		
All Other		9.93	389.58	1,989.58

Ambulance:

Laundry and Equip. and Maintenance	\$	249.31		
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Gasoline, Oil, etc. and			
Auto Maintenance	798.02		
Materials and Supplies	259.97		
Mobile Radio and			
Driver's Expenses	409.70		1,717.00

Dog Officer:

Salary		250.00	
Other Expenses:			
Dogs Boarded	\$ 405.00		
Dogs Destroyed	89.00	494.00	744.00

Street Lighting:

Street Lights			22,493.79
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Animal Inspector:

Salary		300.00	
Other Expenses:			
Mileage and Travel		74.97	374.97

Total Protection of Persons and Property .. \$ 280,089.79

Health and Sanitation

Health:

Salaries and Wages:

Board Members	\$ 330.00		
Agent	699.96		
Board Physician	330.00		
Parochial School, M.D.	769.92		
Podiatrist	250.00		
Nurse	3,516.00		
Clerk Hire	300.00		
Dental Clinic	700.00		
Plumbing Inspector	3,399.96		
Food Inspector	300.00		
Milk Inspector	300.00		
Slaughtering Insp.	399.96		
Sanitary Inspector ..	499.92	11,796.38	

Travel:

Agent	\$	59.85	
Nurse		109.35	
Plumbing Insp.		173.08	
Slaughtering Insp.		13.00	355.28

Premature Births			503.00
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Garbage Collection			2,247.00
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Other Expenses:

Dental Clinic	\$	24.06	
Laboratory		135.50	
Office Expense		383.44	
School Medical Supplies		3.17	546.17

Vital Statistics:

Births	\$	49.25	
Deaths		19.25	68.50

**T. B. and Contagious
Diseases:**

Worcester County Sanitarium	\$	1,705.50	
Belmont Hospital		24.00	
Cambridge Hospital		998.00	
Medical Supplies		391.46	
Misc. Expenses		76.87	3,195.83
			18,712.16

Sewer:**Salaries and Wages:**

Commissioners	\$	450.00	
Caretaker		5,885.00	6,335.00

Administrative Expense:

Stationery, Printing and Postage	\$	24.17	
All Other		123.82	147.99

General Expense:

Telephone	\$	170.70	
Insurance, Reg. and Repairs Truck		142.62	

Tools and Equip.	16.42		
Pipe and Fittings	11.56		
Gasoline and Oil	171.62		
Material and Supplies	190.25		
Labor	90.00		
Repair Sewer Lines	16.00		
Man Holes	47.50		
Fuel and Light	12.00	868.67	7,351.66
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Total Health and Sanitation		\$	26,063.82

Highway, Snow and Ice, Dump, Rubbish Collection and Chapter 90

General Administration:

Salaries and Wages:

Superintendent	\$	4,300.00
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Other Expenses:

Stationery, Supplies and Postage	\$	108.41	
Telephone		291.52	
All Other and Equip- ment and Maint.		33.00	432.93

General Maintenance:

Timekeeper Clerk	\$	3,472.00	
Labor		38,421.08	
Equipment Rental		104.00	
Equipment & Repairs		662.69	
Broken Stone, Gravel and Other Sur- facing		3,748.61	
Other Materials and Supplies		3,065.64	
All Other		95.50	49,569.52

Oil and Sand for Roads		5,662.31
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Automotive Equipment:

Maintenance and Repairs		4.32
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Building and Grounds:

Maintenance and Repairs	\$	312.28
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Fuel, Light and Water	963.21		
Equipment and Maintenance	279.95		
All Other	135.74	1,691.18	

New Road Machinery:

New Equipment		12,043.00	
Other Expenses:			
Mobile Radio	\$ 197.67		
All Other	1.00	198.67	73,901.93

Road Machinery Maintenance:

Equipment and Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 5,754.27		
Gas and Oil, etc.	5,905.32		
Tires and Tubes	2,404.91		
All Other	24.52	14,089.02	

Town Dump:

Salary	\$ 2,700.00		
Rodent Control	900.00	3,600.00	

Rubbish Collection:

Contract		3,499.99	

Snow and Ice Removal:

Labor	\$ 3,037.20		
Tools and Equip.	46.75		
Snow Fences	120.00		
Salt, Sand and Gravel	2,551.25		
All Other	261.70		
Laborers' Meals	102.28		
Truck Hire	395.50		
Country Road Shovel Rental	242.25	6,756.93	27,945.94

Chapter 90 Maintenance

State and County Aid:

Eastford Road:

Labor	265.00
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Dresser Hill Road:

Labor	265.00
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East Main Street:

Labor	\$ 543.97	
Material and Supp.	96.50	640.47
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North Woodstock Road:

Labor	\$ 625.00	
Materials and Supp.	731.37	1,356.37
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Old North Woodstock Road:

Labor	\$ 299.02	
Truck Hire	104.00	403.02
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River Road:

Labor	130.00
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Worcester Street:

Labor	456.07
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Dudley Road:

Labor	84.07	3,600.00
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Total Highway, Snow and Ice, Dump, Rubbish Collection and Chapter 90	\$ 105,447.87
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Charities and Veteran Benefits

General Relief:

Salaries and Wages:

Board	\$ 1,300.00	
Supervisor	2,907.85	
Clerks	4,765.45	
Social Workers	3,939.69	12,912.99
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General Administration:

Mileage and Travel	21.48
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Other Expenses:

Groceries and Provisions	\$ 10,128.85		
Fuel	2,202.10		
Medicine and Medical Attendance	4,340.17		
Hospital Care	6,791.05		
Rent	3,302.36		
Clothing	159.82		
Cash Grants	4,640.95		
Board and Care	2,779.47		
State Institutions	2,321.75		
Private Institutions ..	90.50		
Household Furniture and Moving	127.50		
Burials	1,050.00		
All Other	601.60	38,536.12	

Relief by Other Cities and Towns:

Cities	\$ 7,179.26		
Towns	1,936.29	9,115.55	

Truck Expense:

Gasoline, Oil, etc.	\$ 232.84		
Equipment and Maintenance	162.78	395.62	60,981.76

Aid to Dependent Children:**Town Appropriation—**

Relief Expenses:			
Cash Grants			29,913.10

Aid to Dependent Children:**Federal Grant—**

Salaries and Wages:			
Supervisor	\$ 235.35		
Social Workers	325.50		
Clerks	384.60	945.45	

Administrative Expense:

Telephone	\$ 39.70		
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Stationery, Supplies and Postage	137.74		
Mileage and Travel	57.81		
Dues and All Other	183.63	418.88	

Relief Expense:			
Cash Grants	\$ 20,173.05	20,173.05	21,537.38

Old Age Assistance:

Town Appropriation— Relief Expense			128,180.06
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Old Age Assistance:

Federal Grant— Salaries and Wages:			
Board	\$ 400.00		
Supervisor	936.80		
Social Workers	1,236.37		
Clerks	1,616.07	4,189.24	

Administrative Exp.: Stationery, Supplies and Postage	\$ 1,402.77		
Mileage and Travel	289.35		
Dues and All Other	558.00		
Telephone	330.50	2,580.71	

Relief Expense:			
Cash Grant	\$106,857.81		
Cities and Towns ..	1,937.01	108,794.82	115,564.77

Disability Assistance:

Town Appropriation— Relief Expense:			
Cash Grants			11,839.54

Disability Assistance:

Federal Grant:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Board		50.00	
Administrative Exp.: Stationery and Supplies	\$ 246.25		

Travel and Mileage	88.59		
Telephone	133.65	468.49	

Relief Expense:			
Cash Grants		8,587.91	9,106.40

\$ 377,123.01

Infirmary:

Salaries and Wages:			
Superintendent and Matron		3,400.00	

Other Expenses:

Groceries and Provisions	\$ 4,244.97		
Household Furniture, Dry Goods and Clothing	680.55		
Janitor's Supplies and Building Repairs ..	368.18		
Water, Fuel and Lights	1,539.18		
Hospital and Medical Care	1,315.76		
Telephone and All Other	349.09	8,497.73	11,897.73

Veteran Benefits:

General Administration:

Salaries and Wages:			
Veterans' Agent		1,400.00	

Other Expenses:

Office Expenses, Travel, etc.		661.40	
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Relief Expenses:

Cash Grants	\$ 38,339.27		
Fuel	1,213.76		
Medical	6,316.30		
Hospital and Dental	7,190.04		
Food	5,484.16		
Rent, Clothes, etc.	2,236.38		
Private Institutions	1,521.00	62,300.91	64,362.31

Soldiers' Burials:

Agent's Fee	\$	4.00		
Burials		243.90		247.90
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Maintenance of Veterans' Graves:

Maint. of Graves	\$	485.00		
Material and Supplies		60.13		545.13
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Veteran Services:**Salaries and Wages:**

Supervisor	\$	2,000.00		
Clerk		2,100.00	4,100.00	

Other Expenses:

Printing, Stationery, Supplies and Post.	\$	189.87		
Mileage and Travel		211.87		
Telephone		232.03		
Equip. Maintenance		22.23		
Dues and All Other		93.00		
Furniture		200.00	949.00	5,049.00
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Total of Charities and Veteran Benefits \$ 459,225.08

Schools**General Control:****Salaries and Wages:**

150 Superintendent ..	\$	7,250.00		
156 Supt.'s Clerk		5,500.00		
157 Extra Clerical ..		300.00		
103 School Census		300.00	13,350.00	
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Other Expenses:

160 Supplies	\$	273.10		
180 Printing		300.00		
181 Travel		300.00		
182 Telephone		200.00		
182A Postage, Books, Periodicals, etc.		270.27		
182B Equipment and Maintenance		298.55	1,641.92	14,991.92
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High School:

Instruction Salaries:

220 Principal	\$ 5,984.04	
225 Principal's Clerk	2,650.00	
240 Teachers	110,558.47	
245 Substitute Teach.	1,147.00	120,339.51

Instruction Expense:

250 Text and Reference Books	\$ 3,720.51	
270 Supplies	4,464.78	
660 Typewriters, Machines, etc.	1,203.00	9,388.29

Other Expenses:

210 Supervision Travel, etc.	\$ 501.57	
235 Printing, Supplies and Postage	199.97	
290 Commencement Expense	200.00	901.54

Operation of Plant:

Salaries and Wages:

501 Janitors	9,100.00
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Other Expenses:

501 Janitors' Supp.	\$ 1,775.37	
520 Fuel	3,000.00	
530 Water	299.82	
540 Gas and Elec.	2,000.00	
565 Telephones	300.00	
580 Drayage	156.80	7,531.99

Maintenance of Plant:

601 Grounds	\$ 150.00	
620 Building	3,630.80	
640 Service Systems	1,924.96	
680 Other Expenses	150.00	5,855.76

Capital Outlay:

930 Bldg. Alterations and Additions	\$ 500.00	
965 New Furnishings	3,345.28	

975 New Equipment	800.00		
985 Other Expenses	190.50	4,835.78	157,952.87

Elementary Schools:

Instruction Salaries:

240 Teachers	\$209,859.12		
245 Substitute Teach.	1,650.00		
245A Teachers' Courses	208.00	211,717.12	

Instruction Expense:

210 Supervision			
Travel	\$ 235.02		
250 Text and Reference Books	3,180.20		
270 Supplies	6,629.43		
660 Instructional Equipment	317.00		
235 Printing	37.03	10,398.68	

Operation of Plant:

Salaries and Wages:

501 Janitors		16,200.00	
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Other Expenses:

510 Janitors' Supp.	\$ 1,999.98		
520 Fuel	9,712.45		
530 Water	500.00		
540 Gas and Elec.	2,560.00		
565 Telephones	900.00		
580 Drayage	200.00	15,873.03	

Maintenance of Plant:

601 Grounds	\$ 966.88		
620 Buildings	3,235.30		
640 Service Systems	574.44		
680 Other Expenses	923.40	5,700.02	

Capital Outlay:

930 Bldg. Alterations and Additions	\$ 497.15		
965 New Furnishings	1,141.76		
975 New Equipment	500.00		
985 Other Expenses	50.00	2,188.91	262,077.76

**Elementary Evening
Schools:****Salaries:**

220 Director's	\$	240.00	
240 Teachers		702.00	942.00

Instruction Expense:

210 Supervision			
Travel	\$	25.00	
250 Text and Refer- ence Books		100.00	
270 Supplies		44.99	169.99

Operation of Plant:

520 Fuel	\$	530.50	
540 Gas and Elec.		60.00	590.50

Household Arts:**Instruction Salaries:**

240 Teachers Sal.			5,885.00
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Other Expenses:

210 Supervision			
Travel	\$	47.99	
250 Text and Refer- ence Books		5.20	
270 Supplies		440.71	
660 Instructional Equipment		99.51	593.41

High Evening School:**Salaries:**

240 Teachers		729.00
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Instruction Expense:

250 Textbooks	\$	49.41	
270 Supplies		113.16	162.57

Operation of Plant:

520 Fuel	\$	200.00	
540 Gas and Elec.		100.00	300.00

Industrial Arts:**Instruction Salaries:**

240 Teachers	3,985.00	
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Instruction Expense:

250 Textbooks	\$ 50.00		
270 Supplies	200.00		
660 Maintenance	100.00		
975 New Equipment	100.00	450.00	4,435.00
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Domestic Science:**Instruction Salaries:**

240 Teachers	1,885.00	
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Instruction Expense:

270 Supplies	200.00	2,085.00
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Auxiliary Agencies:**Medical and Nurse
Services:**

402 Physician	\$ 2,149.80	
404 Nurse	3,123.78	
405 Medical Expense	599.00	5,872.58
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Pupils:

401 Attendance	\$ 250.00		
313 Transportation of Pupils	\$ 29,890.88		
360 Tuition Other Pupils	2,714.73	32,855.61	38,728.19
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Visual Aids:

240 Teacher's Sal.	\$ 800.00	
270 Supplies	1,032.09	
660 Maintenance	537.91	
965 Furniture	11.20	2,381.20
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Smith-Hughes Fund:

240 Vocational Classes	1,168.00
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Cole Trade School:

General Control:

Salaries:

220 Sal. of Director	\$ 5,784.04	
225 Clerks	2,750.00	
226 Extra Clerical ..	2,750.00	11,284.04
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Expenses:

235 Printing, Sup- plies and Postage	\$ 198.10	
565 Telephone	146.90	
210 Supervision Travel	150.84	
210A Instructors Out of Town Travel	17.41	
290 Commencement Expense	175.30	688.55
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Instructors' Salaries:

240 Teachers	\$ 47,190.60	
245 Substitute Teach.	27.00	47,217.60
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Instruction Expense:

250 Text and Refer- ence Books	\$ 528.79	
270 Supplies	4,188.70	
660 Equipment	7,931.99	12,649.48
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Operation of Plant:

Salaries and Wages:

501 Janitors' Salaries	3,043.76
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Other Expenses:

510 Janitors' Supp.	\$ 340.95	
520 Fuel	2,277.77	
530 Water	77.46	
540 Gas and Elec.	1,086.19	
580 Drayage	64.22	3,846.59
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Maintenance of Plant:

601 Grounds	\$ 89.97	
620 Buildings	167.77	
640 Service Systems	571.25	
680 Other Expenses	496.00	1,324.99
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THE JACOB EDWARDS
MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Capital Outlay:

930 Alterations and Additions	\$	50.00		
965 New Furnishings		45.85		
975 Instructional Apparatus		885.76		
985 Other Expenses		120.62	1,102.23	81,157.24

Evening Trade Extension:

Instruction Salaries:

225 Clerk	\$	146.25		
240 Teachers		1,464.00	1,610.25	

Instruction Expenses:

250 Books	\$	16.41		
270 Supplies		252.36		
660 Instructional Equipment		100.63	369.40	

Operation of Plant:

540 Gas and Elec.			241.36	2,221.01

Total Schools \$ 576,570.66

Library

Jacob Edwards

Memorial Library:

Salaries and Wages:

101 Librarian	\$	1,438.37		
103 Assistants		10,122.41		
104 Extra Clerical		28.00		
150-51 Janitors		2,870.00	14,458.78	

Books, Periodicals, etc.:

201 Books	\$	3,011.04		
202 Periodicals		403.60	3,414.64	

Binding:

250 Books			61.86	

Fuel and Light:

300-301 Fuel	\$	21.85		
302 Light		681.60	703.45	

Building:

350-1-2 Repairs	\$	706.25		
303 Water		10.79		
304-306 All Other		25.08	742.12	

Other Expenses:

402-403 Stationery, Printing, and Adv. \$	394.47			
401 Telephone	128.74	523.21	19,904.06	

Total Schools and Library \$ 596,474.72

Recreation and Unclassified**Recreation:****Parks:**

Labor		500.00		
Playgrounds:				
Instructors	\$2,950.00			
Materials and Supplies	742.63			
Mileage, Travel	16.87			
Labor, Sports, Games, etc.	275.84	3,985.34		

World War Memorial Park:

Labor	\$	197.50		
Water and Elec.		53.64		
Trees and Spraying		17.50		
Materials, Supplies and All Other		217.09		
Flowers and Wreaths		14.00	499.73	

Honor Roll:

Materials and Supplies	\$	156.38		
Maintenance and Repairs		60.00		
Landscaping and All Other		277.31	493.69	

Swimming Pool:

Winter Sports Exp.	\$	72.02		
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Labor	642.38	
Instructors	1,918.50	
Buildings and Grounds	69.73	
Materials and Supp.	643.21	
Water, Fuel and Light	30.04	
Red Cross Instruction	156.00	
New Construction	1,999.56	
Special Water Acct.	78.49	5,609.93
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Dresser St. Field:

Labor	\$ 4,999.57	
Telephone	135.47	
Materials and Supp.	756.72	
Fuel, Light and Water	541.22	
All Other	514.08	
Maint. & Impr. Acct., Labor, Printing and Advert.	391.90	
Office Supplies, Sta- tionery and Postage	17.20	
Equipment and Maintenance	644.46	
Hot Water Heater	680.00	8,680.62
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Alumni Field:

Labor	\$ 680.63	
Truck Hire	204.00	
Materials and Supp.	446.59	
Equipment and Maintenance	8.10	
All Other	47.00	
Labor Exp. Acct.	10.50	
New Construction ..	295.80	1,692.62
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Henry Street Field:

Labor and Salaries \$	998.60	
Materials and Supp.	478.93	
All Other	91.25	
Maintenance and Improvement	907.13	2,475.91
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Band Concerts:

Concerts	\$	345.00	
All Other		75.00	420.00
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Unclassified:

Damage to Persons and Property	\$	450.60	
Memorial Day		900.00	
Veterans' Day		600.00	
Printing Town Reports		1,504.60	
Town Clock		45.76	
Non Contribu- tory Pensions		7,565.28	
Insurance of Bldgs.— All Ins.—Workmen's Compensation		20,922.58	31,988.82
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**Southbridge Rent
Control:**

Salary			132.00
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Total Recreation, Rent Control and Unclassified	\$	56,478.66
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Cemetery**Oak Ridge Cemetery:****Salaries and Wages:**

Superintendent	\$	700.00	
Labor		6,298.36	6,998.36
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Other Expenses:

Gravel, Seed, Fertilizer and Loam \$	274.79	
Light	12.00	
Tools	74.79	
Equip., Repair Trucks	258.14	
Gasoline and Oil	98.63	
All Other	580.62	1,298.97
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**Cemetery Improve-
ment Account:**

New Equipment	\$	480.00
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Spraying	46.58	
Fence	323.00	
All Other	525.64	1,375.22
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Total Cemetery		\$ 9,672.55

Special Accounts

Adeline St. Sewer:

Contract —	
Ciesla Bros.	1,545.66

State Census:

Salary	\$ 167.49	
Enumerators	535.40	
Clerical Services	167.09	
Mileage, Travel	8.84	
Hotel Expense	13.35	892.17
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Carpenter's Pond Youth Center:

John Ungerer, Treas.	75.00
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Central Street Reconstruction:

Advertising	\$ 11.25	
Contract—Leo Con-		
struction Co.	15,334.34	
Tree Removal	244.50	
Landscaping	258.43	15,848.52
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Chestnut St. Reconstruction:

Retaining Wall —		
Benoit Bros.	\$ 464.80	
Labor	233.60	698.40

Civil Defense:

Director's Salary	\$ 100.00	
Supplies, Stationery		
and Postage	247.86	
All Other	165.01	512.87
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**Cole Trade Metal-
smith Shop:**

Advertising	\$	12.50	
Materials and Supp.		567.18	
Contract—F. X. La- liberte & Sons, Inc.		5,106.05	
Benoit Bros.		51.00	
Southbridge Roofing Co.		263.27	6,000.00
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**Dresser Property Main-
tenance:**

(Main Street)	400.00
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Driver's Education Fund:

Salary	\$	844.54	
Materials and Supp.		156.96	1,001.50
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**1954 Eastford Road Con-
struction—Chapter 90:**

Contract — Leo Con- struction Co.	\$	15,695.82	
Materials and Supp.		215.00	15,910.82
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**Eastford Road School
and West St. School
Repairs:**

Labor	899.95
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Eastford Road Sewer:

Contract — Chas. Chase, Sr.	497.00
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**Federal Housing
Project Appraisal:**

Appraisal — Maurice F. Reidy & Co.	200.00
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Forest Ave. Reconst.:

Labor	\$	1,498.58	
Equipment Rental		582.25	

Materials and Supp.	1,545.62	
Equipment Hire	628.75	
Manhole	33.00	
Benoit Bros.	108.00	4,396.20
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Forest Ave. Sewer:

Contract — Ciesla Bros., Inc.	1,712.25
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Emergency Flood Relief:

Salaries	\$ 36,139.25	
Salaries — N. R.	22,122.90	
Salaries — Civil Defense Housing	1,649.03	
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	\$ 59,911.18	
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Expense	\$62,207.37	
Civil Defense Housing Defense	31,571.54	
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	\$ 93,778.91	
Total Emergency Sal., Exp. and Civil Defense Housing ..		153,690.09
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Permanent Repairs—Roads, Sidewalks and Bridges:

(Emergency)		
Highway — Salaries \$	13,022.52	
Highway — Expense	21,736.21	
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Total—Permanent Repairs, Sal. and Exp. (Emergency)		34,758.73

Globe Village Fire Station—Dis. Veterans:

Fuel	\$ 70.50	
All Other	420.51	491.01
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Green and Field Sts. Sewer:

Construction:

Hogan Realty Co.:		
Green St.	\$ 3,261.61	

Field St.	1,093.40	4,355.01
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Hamilton St. Retaining Wall:		
Labor	\$ 218.56	
Material and Supp.	147.93	
Benoit Bros.	528.10	894.59
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High St. Reconst.:		
Advertising	\$ 10.63	
Contract — Ciesla Bros., Inc.	35,677.32	
Remove Trees	118.00	35,805.95
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Infirmary Retaining Wall:		
Labor	\$ 84.00	
Benoit Bros.	616.40	
Material and Supp.	60.45	760.85
 Judith Ave. and Mary Ellen Lane Sewer Reimburse.:		
Louis J. Morin		2,181.50
 Langlois Ave. Sewer Reimbursement:		
George Jodoin		210.02
 Leonide Lemire Post, V. F. W.:		
Rent		900.00
 Moon St. Storm Drain:		
Material and Supp.	\$ 77.53	
Labor	260.45	337.98
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National Guard Acct.:		
Advertising	\$ 6.88	
Goddard St. Rent	660.00	666.88
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Outstanding Bills, 1954:

Veteran Benefits	\$	2,093.60	
Election and Regis.		50.00	
Board of Public Welf.		65.58	2,209.18
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Park Ave. Sewer:

Contract — Ciesla Bros.			879.20
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Park St. Sewer:

Contract —			
Charles Chase, Sr.			536.00

Plympton St. Bridge Repairs:

Labor			199.78
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Roosevelt Drive Sewer

Reimbursement:

Charles Peloquin			1,148.14
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School Building

Improvement Acct.:

Clerical Services	\$	27.19	
Stationery and Supp.		1.40	28.59
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South St. and Newell

Ave. Storm Drain:

Equipment Rental	\$	97.50	
Material and Supp. ..		276.91	374.41
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Town Hall Alterations

and Repairs':

Southbridge Sheet			
Metal Works	\$	315.95	
Material and Supp.		228.94	
Floor Covering—			
Alcide Brousseau		2,882.00	
Joseph Blanchet		21.36	
H. U. Bail		26.95	
H. J. Madore		187.43	
Clean and Paint			
Civil Defense Office—			
Town Hall		84.00	3,746.63
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Vot. Prec. Acct.:

Labor	71.00
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**Vinton and Brookside Rd.
Boring Tests:**

American Drilling Co.	227.26
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**Mary E. Wells High
School Toilet Accommo.:**

Advertising	\$	11.25	
Tasse, Inc.		8,299.88	
Labor		152.45	
Material and Suup.		478.65	
Drawing Specs.		175.00	9,117.23

Total Special Projects	\$	304,180.37
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Interest and Maturing Debt**Interest:****Temporary Loans:**

Anticipation of Revenue	2,167.94
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General Loans:

Eastford Road and West St. Schools	\$	180.00	
Northern District Ele- mentary School		280.00	460.00
			2,627.94

Municipal Indebtedness:**Temporary Loans:**

Anticipation of Revenue		575,000.00	
No. Dist. Elem. Sch.	\$	4,000.00	
Eastford Rd. and West St. Schools ..		6,000.00	10,000.00
			585,000.00

Total Interest and Maturing Debt	\$	587,627.94
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Agency, Trust and Investment**Agency:**

State Auditing Tax	\$	1,336.17	
State Examination of Retirement System		48.74	
State Parks and Res- ervation Tax		2,664.00	4,048.91

County Tax	\$ 53,249.64	
County T.B. Hospital Tax	33,115.48	
Dog Tax Fees Paid to County	1,849.00	
School Lunch Prog.	36,289.14	
School Athletic Fund ..	9,522.32	
Fed. Withhold. Tax ..	106,937.29	
Blue Cross	9,136.35	250,099.22

Trust and Investment:

Ella Cole Fund	\$ 87.29	
Mabel Murphy Fund ..	64.00	
Mary Mynott Fund ..	47.80	
Adah Stedman Fund ..	18.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	1,010.00	
U. S. War Bonds— Post War Rehabilitation	3,375.00	
Pension Fund	22,529.00	27,131.09

Total Agency, Trust and Investment \$ 281,279.22

Refunds

Refunds:

Taxes and Demands \$	10,632.87
Motor Vehicle Excise	2,808.54
Rents — Trailer	
Deposits	798.60
Plans and Bids	5,885.00
Garbage Deposit	600.00
Town Report Deposit ..	100.00
Ambulance	20.00
Federal Tax	6.40
Blue Cross	20.40

Total Refunds \$ 20,871.81

Total Payments for 1955	\$2,812,173.60
Cash on Hand December 31, 1955	190,935.06
	<u>\$3,003,108.66</u>

Aid to Dependent Children (State)	5,468.17	and Graves	1,390.00
Old Age Assistance (Cities and Towns)	223.62	Road Machinery Rental Fund	1,598.83
Veteran Benefits (State)	16,257.41	Tailings	431.21
Schools	2,516.50		
Municipal Athletic Field	158.42	Overestimates—1955:	
Cemetery	210.00	State Parks and Reservation Tax	\$ 364.48
Aid to Highway:		County T. B. Hospital Maintenance Tax	7,754.31
State	\$ 21,200.00		
County	11,200.00		8,118.79
		Federal Grants:	
Underestimates 1955:		Aid to Dependent Children:	
County Tax		Administration	\$ 983.95
Overlays:		Aid	2,972.99
Levy of 1955 (Due to Flood Abatements)		Old Age Assistance:	
Levy of 1952	8,856.24	Administration	6,178.20
	169.47	Aid	3,855.00
Overdrawn Accounts:		Disability Assistance:	
1955 Chapter 90—Maintenance	2,400.00	Administration	398.38
		Aid	1,180.37
Emergency Flood Relief	127,089.50		15,568.89
Permanent Repairs—Roads, Sidewalks and Bridges	34,758.73	Appropriation Balances:	
		Planning Board	\$ 242.81
		Board of Appeals	204.60
		By-Laws Revision	234.26
		New Addition for Ambulance Garage	4,920.18
		Sewer—Repair Manhole Covers	300.00
		Swimming Pool — Special Water Account	136.10

Alumni Field—New Construc.	404.20
Two Softball Diamonds	460.18
Airport Maint. Account	1,719.28
Cemetery Improvement Acct.	
Brookside Road Bridge	12,500.00
Construction	100.00
Cady Brook Land Damage Acct.	
William E. Earls Property	80.00
on Chapin Street	454.53
Chestnut Street Construction	10,000.00
Cohasse Brook Channel Improve.	
1955—Chapter 90 Construction—	
Eastford Road	10,000.00
Eastford Road School Sidewalk	179.21
Forest Avenue Reconstruction	1,603.80
Foster Street Parking Lot Repairs	526.22
Guelphwood Rd. Guard Rail	500.00
Morris Street Extension	167.18
National Guard Account	1,083.12
Nuisance Brook Culvert	983.70
Quinebaug River Land Dam-	
age Account	100.00
Repair Dam at 2nd Reservoir	544.80
School Building Improvement	
Account	4,767.61
Stone Wall Between World War	
Memorial I and Fire Station	500.00
Swimming Pool—Litchfield	
Avenue Drain	1,000.00

Town Hall Alterations and Repairs	2,171.60	
Vinton Street Bridge Reconstruct.	12,500.00	
Voting Precinct Account	174.00	
Mary E. Wells School		
Toilet Accommodations	882.77	69,440.15
Sewer Assessment Reserve		1,577.54
Overlay Surplus		11,101.94
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1954	\$ 2,201.28	2,536.70
Levy of 1953	335.42	
Old Age Assistance Recoveries		4,046.86
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax		
Revenue	\$ 11,068.56	
Sewer Assessment Revenue	4,894.94	
Tax Title Revenue and		
Tax Possessions	3,156.15	
Departmental Revenue	30,290.41	
Highway Aid Revenue	32,400.00	81,810.06
Excess and Deficiency		109,106.74
		<u>\$490,704.89</u>
		<u>\$490,704.89</u>

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES

Apprpr.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer To Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance To Var. Accounts	Balance Forw'd To 1956	O'Drawn Accounts 12/31/55
General Government:								
Moderator—Salary	60.00	60.00	60.00		60.00			
Moderator—Expense	12.00	12.00	12.00		12.00			
Finance Committee	100.00	100.00	25.00		25.00	75.00		
Selectmen—Salaries	3,750.00							
By Excess and Deficiency		3,850.00	3,849.96		3,849.96	.04		
Selectmen—Expense	1,000.00							
By New Equipm.								
Rd. Mach. Maint.	14.38	1,014.38	889.65		889.65	124.73		
Garbage Collection								
By Board of Health—								
Garbage Collection	6,753.00	6,753.00	5,600.00		5,600.00	1,153.00		
Accountant—Salaries		6,035.00	5,929.10		5,929.10	105.90		
Accountant—Expense	500.00	500.00	495.36		495.36	4.64		
Treasurer—Salaries	5,700.00							
By Refund	.60	5,700.60	5,700.60		5,700.60			
Treasurer—Expense	1,700.00							
By Refund	10.00	1,710.00	1,698.77		1,698.77	11.23		
Town Collector—Salaries	6,950.00							
By Excess and Deficiency		7,450.00	7,441.51		7,441.51	8.49		
Town Collector—Expense	2,514.00							
By Refund	5.00	2,519.00	2,448.09		2,448.09	70.91		
Assessors—Salaries	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00		7,500.00			
Assessors—Expense	1,200.00							
By Refund	5.20	1,205.20	1,171.38		1,171.38			
To Assessors—Travel				25.00			8.82	
Assessors—Travel	375.00							
By Assessors—Other Exp.	25.00	400.00	395.09		395.09	4.91		
Town Clerk—Salaries	7,331.00	7,331.00	7,302.79		7,302.79			
To Town Clerk—Expense				14.26			13.95	

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

	Apprpr.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer To Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance To Var. Accounts	Balance Forw'd To 1956	O'Drawn Accounts 12/31/55
Police—Officers' Equipm.	350.00		350.00	349.69		349.69	.31		
Police—Emergency Plant	1,000.00		1,000.00	999.38		999.38	.62		
Police—Expense	9,200.00								
By Refund		97.38	9,297.38	9,005.97		9,005.97	291.41		
Police—Park. Meter Div.—									
Salaries	10,800.00		10,800.00	10,733.50		10,733.50	66.50		
Police—Park. Meter Div.—									
Expense	2,700.00								
By Park. Meter Fund		250.00	2,950.00	2,941.58		2,941.58	8.42		
Police—New Pol. Cruiser	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00		2,000.00			
Fire—Salaries	88,500.00		88,500.00	88,500.00		88,500.00			
Fire—50 Gal. Liquid Foam	250.00		250.00	250.00		250.00			
Fire—New Addition for									
Ambulance Garage	5,000.00		5,000.00	79.82		79.82		4,920.18	
Fire—Out of State Travel	150.00		150.00	42.09		42.09	107.91		
Fire—New Underground Cables									
and Fire Alarm Boxes	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,936.59		2,936.59	63.41		
Hydrants	22,100.00		22,100.00	21,255.00		21,255.00	845.00		
Forest Fire—Salaries	200.00		200.00	200.00		200.00			
Forest Fire—Expense	1,620.00								
By Refund		1.75	1,621.75	1,596.64		1,596.64	25.11		
Ambulance—Expense	1,431.00								
By Exc. & Deficiency		140.00							
By Fire Dept. Exp.		150.00							
By Refund		24.74	1,745.74	1,717.00		1,717.00	28.74		
Sealer of Wts. & Meas.—									
Salary	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,600.00		1,600.00			
Sealer of Wts. & Meas.—									
Expense	400.00		400.00	389.58		389.58	10.42		
Tree Warden	2,200.00		2,200.00	2,199.91		2,199.91	.09		

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

Apprpr.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer To Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance To Var. Accounts	Balance Forw'd To 1956	O'Drawn Accounts 12/31/55
Total of Health and Sanitation	34,750.00	439.20	35,189.20	26,063.82	6,953.00	33,016.82	1,872.38	300.00
Highways:								
Highway—Salary	4,300.00		4,300.00			4,300.00		
Highway—Labor	43,837.00							
By Emergency Flood Relief Fund								
To Rd. Mach. Main.	2,095.95	45,932.95	41,893.08	4,000.00	45,893.08	39.87		
Highway—Expense								
By Refund	10.00	10,010.00	10,003.54		10,003.54	6.46		
Highway—Oil and Sand for Roads	10,000.00	10,000.00	5,662.31		5,662.31	4,337.69		
Road Mach. Maintenance	10,000.00							
By Refund	650.00							
By Highway—Labor	4,000.00	14,650.00	14,089.02		14,089.02	560.98		
Highway—New Equipment								
Road Machinery	12,226.00	12,226.00	12,057.38		12,057.38	168.62		
1955 Chap. 90 Rd. Maint.	1,200.00	1,200.00	3,600.00		3,600.00			2,400.00
1954 Chap. 90 Rd. Maint.	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00			
Town Dump—Salary								
By Excess & Defic.	540.00	2,700.00	2,700.00		2,700.00			
Town Dump Rodent Control	900.00	900.00	900.00		900.00			
Rubbish Collection	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,499.99		3,499.99	.01		
Snow and Ice Account	7,000.00	7,000.00	6,756.93		6,756.93	243.07		
Total Highways	105,123.00	8,295.95	113,418.95	106,462.25	4,000.00	110,462.25	5,356.70	2,400.00

Charities and Veteran Benefits:

General Relief (Public Welfare)—Salaries To Old Age Assistance—Salaries	12,940.00	10,171.85	2,741.14	12,912.99	27.01
General Relief—Exp. By Refunds	50,000.00				
Disability Asst.—Exp. By Refund	11,700.00				
By Fed. Grant—Exp. Aid to Dependent Child.—Expense					
By A.D.C. Fed. Gr.—Exp. Old Age Assistance—Sal. Old Age Asst.—Expense	108,000.00				
By Excess and Defic. By Refunds					
Aid to Dependent Child.—Fed. Gr.—Sal. & Adm. Balance 1/1/55					
From Comm. of Mass. To Fed. Gr., Dis. Asst. Adm. A.D.C. Fed. Gr.—Expense					
Balance 1/1/55 By Refunds					
From Comm. of Mass. To A.D.C. Expense					
O.A.A., Fed. Gr.—Sal. and Adm. Balance 1/1/55					
By Refund From Comm. of Mass. O.A.A. Fed. Gr. Expense					
Balance 1/1/55 By Refunds					
From Comm. of Mass. Disability Assistance, Fed. Gr.—					
	12,940.00	10,171.85	2,741.14	12,912.99	27.01
	50,094.30	48,068.77		48,068.77	2,025.53
	11,839.54	11,839.54		11,839.54	
	30,438.25	29,913.10		29,913.10	525.15
	2,741.14	2,741.14		2,741.14	
	128,776.25	128,180.06		128,180.06	596.19
	620.01				
	1,832.50	1,354.33	104.23	1,468.56	983.95
	3,035.85				
	93.00				
	21,955.44	20,173.05	1,938.25	22,111.30	2,972.99
	4,497.23				
	3.00				
	8,447.92	6,769.95		6,769.95	6,178.20
	6,979.20				
	547.35				
	105,123.21	108,794.82		108,794.82	3,855.00

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

Appropriation	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer To Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance To Var. Accounts	Balance Forw'd To 1956	O'Drawn Accounts 12/31/55
Salary and Administration—								
Balance 1/1/55	237.18							
By A.D.C. Fed. Gr. Adm.	104.23							
From Comm. of Mass.	575.46	916.87	518.49		518.49		398.38	
Disability Asst., Fed. Gr.—								
Expense								
Balance 1/1/55	1,727.38							
From Comm. of Mass.	8,145.74							
To Disab. Asst. Expense		9,873.12	8,587.91	104.84			1,180.37	
Infirmary—Salaries	3,400.00	3,400.00	3,400.00		8,692.75			
Infirmary—Expense	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,497.73		3,400.00	2.27		
Veteran Benefits—Sal.	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00		8,497.73			
Veteran Benefits—Exp.	42,000.00				1,400.00			
By Excess and Defic.								
By Refund	20,000.00							
Veteran Services—Sal.	962.85	62,962.85	62,962.31		62,962.31	.54		
Veteran Services—Exp.	750.00	4,100.00	4,100.00		4,100.00			
By Vet. Serv.—Office Equip.	200.00	950.00	949.00		949.00	1.00		
Vet. Serv.—New Off. Equip.	200.00	200.00						
To Vet. Serv.—Exp.		400.00	247.90	200.00	200.00	152.10		
Soldiers' Burials								
Burial Allowance to								
Veterans' Organizations	100.00	100.00				100.00		
Maint. of Vet. Graves	550.00	550.00	545.13		545.13	4.87		
Total Charities and Veterans' Benefits	210,777.09	483,317.09	459,225.08	5,088.46	464,313.54	3,434.66	15,568.89	

Schools and Library:
Schools—Salaries 459,940.00

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

Appropriation	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer To Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance To Var. Accounts	Balance Forw'd To 1956	O'Drawn Accounts 12/31/55
Swimming Pool—Special Water Account	214.59	214.59	78.49		78.49		136.10	
Dresser Field—Salaries	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,999.57		4,999.57	.43		
Dresser Field—Maint. and Improvement	3,000.00							
By Refund								
Dresser Field—Hot Water Heater	2.25	3,002.25	3,001.05		3,001.05	1.20		
Alumni Field—Sal.	700.00	700.00	680.00		680.00	20.00		
Alumni Field—Expense	800.00	800.00	680.63		680.63	119.37		
Alumni Field—Two	800.00	800.00	716.19		716.19	83.81		
Softball Diamonds	700.00	700.00	295.80		295.80		404.20	
Henry St. Field—Sal.	1,000.00	1,000.00	998.60		998.60	1.40		
Henry St. Field—Expense	575.00	575.00	570.18		570.18	4.82		
Henry St. Field—Maintenance and Improvement	1,000.00	1,000.00	907.13					
To Carpenter's Pond Youth Center				75.00	982.13	17.87		
Airport Maint. Account Balance 1/1/55	460.18	460.18					460.18	
Dam. to Persons & Prop.	2,500.00	2,500.00	450.60		450.60	2,049.40		
Memorial Day	900.00	900.00	900.00		900.00			
Veterans' Day	600.00	600.00	600.00		600.00			
Annual Reports	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,504.60		1,504.60	295.40		
Non Contributory Pensions	8,000.00	8,000.00	7,565.28		7,565.28	434.72		
Insurance								
By Refund	16.64							
By Excess & Deficiency	1,398.90	21,452.54	20,922.58		20,922.58	529.96		
Town Clock	50.00	50.00	45.76		45.76	4.24		
Pension Accum. Fund	22,529.00	22,529.00	22,529.00		22,529.00			

Southbridge Rent Control	200.00			200.00	132.00	68.00	
Total of Recreation and Unclassified	83,030.59	1,982.97	85,013.56	279,007.66	180.00	79,187.66	1,000.48
Cemetery:							
Cemetery Expense	5,250.00						
From Dividends		3,055.20	8,305.20	8,297.33		8,297.33	7.87
Cemetery Improve. Acct.		1,519.50					
Balance 1/1/55							
By Sale of Lots and Graves Fund		1,575.00	3,094.50	1,375.22		1,375.22	1,719.28
Total Cemetery	5,250.00	6,149.70	11,399.70	9,672.55		9,672.55	1,719.28

Special Accounts:							
Adeline and Hillcrest Ave.							
Sanitary Sewer Construction							
By Sewer Assessment		1,870.00	1,870.00	1,545.66		1,545.66	324.34
Reserve Account							
Brookside Road Bridge							
Reconstruction	12,500.00		12,500.00				12,500.00
Carpenter's Pond Youth Ctr.							
By Henry St. Fld., Maint.		75.00	75.00	75.00		75.00	
and Improvement							
New State Census of 1955 Acct.							
Balance 1/1/55		1,500.00	1,500.00	892.17		892.17	607.83
Cady Brook Land Dam. Acct.							
By Excess & Defic.		100.00	100.00				100.00
Central St. Constr.	18,000.00		18,000.00	15,848.52			
To High St. Reconstr.					2,000.00	17,848.52	151.48
Wm. E. Earls Property							
On Chapin St.	80.00		80.00				80.00
Chestnut St. Reconstr.							
Balance 1/1/55		1,152.93	1,152.93	698.40		698.40	454.53
Civil Defense	200.00						

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

Appopr.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer To Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance To Var. Accounts	Balance Forw'd To 1956	O'Drawn Accounts 12/31/55
Balance 1/1/55	312.20	512.87	512.87		512.87			
By Refund	.67							
Cohasse Brook Channel Improvement		10,000.00					10,000.00	
Dresser Prop. Maintenance (Main Street)		400.00	400.00		400.00			
Driver Education Prog.		1,000.00						
By Refund	1.50	1,001.50	1,001.50		1,001.50			
1955 Chap. 90 Constr.— Eastford Road		10,000.00					10,000.00	
1954 Chap. 90 Constr.— Eastford Rd.—Cont. #15434								
Balance 1/1/55	930.52	16,207.12	15,910.82		15,910.82	296.30		
By Highway Aid Rev.	15,276.60							
Eastford Road Sanitary Sewer Construction		615.00	497.00		497.00	118.00		
Eastford Road Sch. Sidewalk		179.21					179.21	
Balance 1/1/55	179.21							
Eastford Rd. School and West St. Sch. Repairs	900.00	900.00	899.95		899.95	.05		
Balance 1/1/55								
Enlarging the Metalsmith Shop at Cole Trade High Sch.		6,000.00	6,000.00		6,000.00			
Balance 1/1/55	6,000.00							
Fed. Hous. Proj. Apprais.		350.00	200.00		200.00	150.00		
By Excess & Defic.	350.00							
Emerg. Flood Relief Fund								
By Refunds	573.76							
From Treasury of U. S.	28,671.04	29,244.80	127,089.50		127,089.50			97,844.70

Permanent Repairs—Roads, Sidewalks & Bridges					1,603.80	34,758.73	34,758.73
(Emergency)							
Forest Ave. Reconstr.	6,000.00				34,758.73		
Forest Ave. Sanitary		6,000.00			4,396.20		
Sewer Construction	2,200.00				1,712.25		487.75
Mary Ellen Lane and Judith Ave. Sew. Reimb.	2,200.00						
By Sew. Assess. Reserve	2,181.50				2,181.50		
Foster St. Parking Lots Rep.							
Balance 1/1/55		526.22					526.22
Globe Village Fire Sta.—							
Disabled Veterans	500.00				491.01		8.99
Guelphwood Rd. Guard Rail	500.00						500.00
Green St. & Field St. Sanitary Sewer Construction							
By Sewer Assess. Res.	4,355.01				4,355.01		
Hamilton St. Ret. Wall	1,000.00				894.59		105.41
High St. Reconstr.	26,500.00						
By Central St. Reconstr.		2,000.00					
By Refund		8,628.70			35,805.95		1,322.75
Hook, Central and Foster Sts. Land Payment							
Balance 1/1/55		203.75			203.75		
Hurricane Carol, No. 1							
Balance 1/1/55		1,129.40			1,129.40		
Hurricane Edna, No. 2							
Balance 1/1/55		485.11			485.11		
Town Infirmary Retaining Wall Construction	847.07				760.85		86.22
Langlois Ave. Sanitary Sewer Reimbursement							
By Sewer Assess. Res.	210.02				210.02		
Leonide Lemire Post #6055 Lease	900.00				900.00		
Main St. Storm Drain	338.01				337.98		.03

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

Appropriation	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer To Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance To Var. Accounts	Balance Forw'd To 1956	O'Drawn Accounts 12/31/55
Morris St. Extension								
Balance 1/1/55	167.18	167.18				167.18		
National Guard Account								
By Excess and Defic.	1,750.00	1,750.00	666.88		666.88		1,083.12	
Nuisance Brook Culvert								
Balance 1/1/55	983.70	983.70					983.70	
Outstanding Bills of								
Previous Years								
By Refund	98.00	2,307.18	2,209.18		2,209.18	98.00		
Park Ave. Sanit. Sewer								
Construction								
By Sewer Assess.								
Reserve Account	1,000.00	1,000.00	879.20		879.20	120.80		
Park St. Sanit. Sewer Const.								
By Sewer Asses. Reserve	550.00	550.00	536.00		536.00	14.00		
Account	200.00	200.00	199.78		199.78	.22		
Plimpton St. Bridge Rep.								
Quinebaug River Land Dam.	100.00	100.00					100.00	
Account								
Repair Dam at 2nd Reservoir								
Balance 1/1/55	544.80	544.80					544.80	
Roosevelt Drive Sanitary								
Sewer Construction								
By Sewer Assess. Res.	190.43	1,148.14	1,148.14		1,148.14			
By Sewer Assess. Res.								
School Building Improve-								
ment Account								
Balance 1/1/55	4,796.20	4,796.20	28.59		28.59		4,767.61	
South St. and Newell Ave.								
Intersection Storm Drain								

Construction	400.00			400.00	374.41	25.59
Stone Wall Between World War Memorial I and Fire Station						
By Exc. & Defic.		500.00		500.00		500.00
Swimming Pool—Litchfield Ave. Drain						
Balance 1/1/55		1,000.00		1,000.00		1,000.00
Town Hall Alterations and Repairs						
Balance 1/1/55		5,918.23		5,918.23	3,746.63	2,171.60
Vinton Street Bridge						
Reconstruction	5,000.00					
By Overlay Surplus	7,500.00			12,500.00		12,500.00
Vinton and Brookside Sts. Boring Tests	800.00			800.00	227.26	572.74
Voting Precinct Account		71.00				
By Selectmen Expense		174.00		245.00	71.00	174.00
By Excess & Defic.						
Mary E. Wells High School						
Toilet Accommodation	10,000.00			10,000.00	9,117.23	882.77
Total Special Accounts	126,276.22	87,827.43	214,103.65	277,579.78	279,579.78	7,358.71
				2,000.00		59,768.59
						132,603.43

Interest and Maturing Debt:

Int.—Temporary Loans	2,400.00					
By Refund		28.88	2,428.88	2,167.94	2,167.94	260.94
Int.—Fixed Debt	460.00		460.00	460.00	460.00	
Maturing Debt	10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Anticipation of Rev. Loan						
Balance 1/1/55		150,000.00				
Issued in 1956		575,000.00	725,000.00	575,000.00	575,000.00	150,000.00
Total Interest and Maturing Debt	12,860.00	725,028.88	737,888.88	587,627.94	587,627.94	260.94
						150,000.00

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

Appropriation	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer To Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance To Var. Accounts	Balance Forw'd To 1956	O'Drawn Accounts 12/31/55
Agency, Trust and Investment:								
Federal Tax Deduc.	106,943.69	106,943.69	106,943.69		106,943.69		300.00	
Deposits on Plans and Bids	6,195.00	6,195.00	5,895.00		5,895.00			
Deposit on Printing								
Annual Report	100.00	100.00	100.00		100.00			
Deposits on Garbage Cont.	600.00	600.00	600.00		600.00			
Deposits on CDE Emergency								
Housing (Trailers)	1,470.80	1,470.80	790.00		790.00		680.80	
Electric Light Receipts—								
CDE Housing (Trailers)	324.74	324.74					324.74	
J. J. Angell Fund								
Balance 1/1/55	31.27	31.27					31.27	
Alexis Boyer, Jr., Fund								
Balance 1/1/55	11.29	11.29					11.29	
Ella M. Cole Fund								
Balance 1/1/55	469.71		87.29				473.16	
Fund Income	90.74	560.45						
Mabel Murphy Fund								
Balance 1/1/55	96.97							
Fund Income	60.00	156.97	64.00				92.97	
Mary Mynott Fund								
Balance 1/1/55	21.50							
By Refunds	17.63							
Fund Income	30.00	69.13	47.80				21.33	
Adah Stedman Fund								
Balance 1/1/55	79.96							
Fund Income	30.00	109.96	18.00				91.96	
Smith-Hughes Fund								
From Comm. of Mass.	1,168.00	1,168.00	1,168.00					

Park Meter Fees						
Balance 1/1/55	15,644.42					
Receipts	18,491.74	34,136.16				
To Various Accounts			15,500.00			
To Parking Meter Expense			250.00			
Post War Rehabilitation Fund						
Income Invested	3,375.00	3,375.00			15,750.00	18,386.16
School Athletic Fund	1,000.00					
Balance 1/1/55	3,186.23					
By Refunds	40.19					
Receipts	8,931.70	13,158.12	9,522.32		3,375.00	3,635.80
School Lunch Program						
Balance 1/1/55	1,066.98					
From State	7,023.55					
By Refund	49.75					
Cafeteria Receipts	25,613.64	36,753.92	36,289.14		36,289.14	464.78
Dog Tax County	1,849.00	1,849.00	1,849.00		1,849.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care						
Bequests	1,010.00	1,010.00			1,010.00	
Deposited						
State Auditing Tax						
By 1955 Revenue	1,336.17	1,336.17			1,336.17	
State Parks and Reservation						
Tax—Balance 1/1/55	13.49					
By 1955 Revenue						
To 1955 Revenue						
State Examination of Retirement System—						
By 1955 Revenue	48.74	48.74			2,677.49	364.48
County Tax						
Balance 1/1/55	1,604.09					
By 1955 Revenue	47,565.00					
To 1955 Revenue						
County T. B. Hospital						
Maintenance Tax—						
By 1955 Revenue	40,869.79	49,169.09	53,249.64		54,853.73	5,684.64
			1,604.09			

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

	Apprpr.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer To Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance To Var. Accounts	Balance Forw'd To 1956	O'Drawn Accounts 12/31/55
Balance 1/1/55		6,397.03	47,266.82	33,115.48					
To 1955 Revenue					6,397.03	39,512.51		7,754.31	
Various Overpayments— Refunds		13,488.21	13,488.21	13,488.21		13,488.21			
Total Agency, Trust Invest- ment and Refunds	4,000.00	318,374.50	322,374.50	271,661.48	23,764.61	295,426.09		32,633.05	5,684.64
Recapitulation:									
General Government	84,400.55	7,949.61	92,350.16	84,794.77	107.13	84,901.90	6,766.59	681.67	
Protection of Persons and Property	281,321.00	1,233.87	282,554.87	274,549.14		274,549.14	3,085.55	4,920.18	
Health and Sanitation	34,750.00	439.20	35,189.20	26,063.82	6,953.00	33,016.82	1,872.38	300.00	
Highway	105,123.00	8,295.95	113,418.95	106,462.25	4,000.00	110,462.25	5,356.70		2,400.00
Charities and Veteran Benefits	272,540.00	210,777.09	483,317.09	459,225.08	5,088.46	464,313.54	3,434.66	15,568.89	
Schools and Library	602,017.00	827.72	602,844.72	595,306.72	25.80	595,332.52	7,512.20		
Recreation and Unclassified	83,030.59	1,982.97	85,013.56	79,007.66	180.00	79,187.66	4,825.42	1,000.48	
Cemeteries and Enterprises	5,250.00	6,149.70	11,399.70	9,672.55		9,672.55	7.87	1,719.28	
Special Accounts	126,276.22	87,827.43	214,103.65	277,579.78	2,000.00	279,579.78	7,358.71	59,768.59	132,603.43
Interest and Maturing Debt	12,860.00	725,028.88	737,888.88	587,627.94		587,627.94	260.94	150,000.00	
Agency, Trust, Invest- ment and Refunds	4,000.00	318,374.50	322,374.50	271,661.48	23,764.61	295,426.09		32,633.05	5,684.64
	1,611,563.36	1,368,886.92	2,980,455.28	2,771,951.19	42,119.00	2,814,070.19	40,481.02	266,592.14	140,688.07

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND
Superintendent of Schools
OF THE



NEW CENTRAL OFFICE — Mary E. Wells High School

TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

For the Year Ending December 31, 1955

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

DECEMBER 31, 1955

THE SOUTHBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1955 - 1956

Chairman, Lorenzo Beaupre, 131 Central St.	1957
Vice Chairman, Eugene LeBlanc, 107 Pine St.	1956
Mrs. Frederic Beck, 103 Eastford Rd.	1956
Paul A. Roy, 141 Everett St.	1957
Belmore St. Amant, 11 Edwards St.	1958
Dr. Ralph R. Racicot, 192 Chapin St.	1958

MEETINGS OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The regular meetings of the School Committee are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 8:00 P. M. in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Mary E. Wells High School building.

There are no regular meetings in July and August.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Robert L. Fox

Residence: 46 Columbus Avenue Tel. 4-8400
Office: Mary E. Wells High School Tel. 4-3285

SECRETARIES

Margaret R. Connolly, 14 South St. Tel. 4-6513
Mary F. Welch, 12 Woodland St. Tel. 4-3925

The Superintendent's office is open from Monday through Friday, from: 8:30 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.

SCHOOL PHYSICIANS

Dr. William Langevin, 24 Everett St. Tel. 4-7358
Dr. Adah B. Eccleston, 62 Elm St. Tel. 4-8141

SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Lottie A. LeBlanc, 54 Westwood Parkway Tel. 4-3359

SCHOOL CALENDAR — 1956

Winter term, seven weeks	January 3 - February 17
Spring term, seven weeks	February 27 - April 13
Summer term, nine weeks	April 23 - June 22
Fall term, sixteen weeks	September 5 - December 21

NO-SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

The official No-School Announcement for all schools will be given over Stations WESO and WTAG at 7:00 A. M. and 7:45 A. M. There will also be two sets of eight blasts of the fire siren at 6:45 A. M. When it is necessary to make such a decision in the morning, schools will be closed for the entire day.

ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 1, 1955

Grade	5 - 7		7 - 14		14 - 16		16 - Up		Total	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
1	66	66	29	21					95	87
2	22	26	95	65					117	91
3			108	96					108	96
4			94	107					94	107
5			68	77					68	77
6			73	65	1				74	65
7			82	82	7	2			89	84
8			58	73	22	10			80	83
9			9	21	41	51	4	1	54	73
10					27	46	12	7	39	53
11					8	18	31	43	39	61
12					4	1	32	40	36	41
Ungraded			6	2	5	2			11	4
Grade					48		101		149	
Total	88	92	622	609	163	130	180	91	1053	922
Total Southbridge Public Schools										1975
Total Saint Mary's School										268
Total Notre Dame School										827
Total Ste. Jeanne D'Arc School										247
Grand Total (all pupils attending school in Southbridge)										3317

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Reimbursements	Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1955
Salaries	\$459,940.00	\$453,551.86		\$ 6,388.14
Other Expenses (Including Transportation, Tuition, Medical Expenses, Textbooks, Supplies, Operation and Maintenance of Plant, Equipment, Capital Outlay, etc.)				
Contingency	116,737.00	116,703.12		33.88
Playgrounds	5,000.00	4,909.82		90.18
Driver Education	4,000.00	3,985.34		14.66
Federal Lunch Program (Cafeteria)	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Smith Hughes	3,000.00	3,000.00		
Eastford Rd. and West St. Heating pump repairs	1,168.00	1,168.00		
Enlarging the Metalsmith Shop at Cole Trade High School	900.00	899.95		.05
State Aid for Schools (Chap. 70 as Amended 1948 Chap. 643)	6,000.00	6,000.00		
Vocational School, State Grant			102,108.07	
Smith-Hughes U. S. Gov. Fund			35,148.03	
High School Tuition			1,168.00	
Elementary School Tuition			1,422.00	
Vocational School Tuition			631.91	
Cole Trade High Evening School Tuition			7,642.21	
Cole Trade High School—Goods Sold			103.30	
Transportation (Charlton)			3.00	
Transportation Vocational Pupils			20.20	
TOTALS	\$597,745.00	\$591,218.09	\$148,482.40	\$ 6,526.91
IN BRIEF:				
Total Expenditures			\$591,218.09	
Total Receipts to Town Treasurer			148,482.40	

Net Cost to Town

A detailed financial statement will be found in the Town Accountant's report

\$442,735.69

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FOR 1955

To the School Committee and Citizens
of Southbridge, Massachusetts:

I herewith submit my second annual report as Superintendent of Schools for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Introduction

The past year has been marked by a quickening of interest in education and its problems throughout the nation. Two decades of increasing attention, of expanding costs, and of accumulating problems finally culminated in the White House Conference, which was requested by the President for the purpose of bringing into clearer focus the difficulties which beset our system of learning. There was general agreement that there is a shortage of teachers; that the building of new schools is not keeping pace with the growing enrollment, and that a new source for financial support of public education must be found. These were among the more important conclusions resulting from the conference.

The work of this conference, and that of many others of lesser stature, cannot be effective unless there is public acceptance that the findings are responsible reports of men and women of integrity. If, after all the discussion is over, the skepticism which has characterized the general attitude towards claims of educators remains, little will have been accomplished. We shall watch enrollments increase without enough teacher replacements even for the present force. We shall witness the tendency to hold double sessions grow because there will not be room for single sessions. We shall be faced with greater burdens upon the present tax structure because no strong effort will have been made to find other revenues for the increasing cost of education.

We are, of course, more concerned with the effects these problems have upon the affairs of our own community. Two elementary positions were vacated at the beginning of last summer, and replacements were not found until the closing days of August. People were appointed but found more lucrative positions elsewhere. In one case, there were four appointments. The first appointee accepted and resigned a few days later. The second accepted and resigned the next day. The third did not accept because he did not consider the salary adequate. The position was finally filled, but the question of salary played an important role in this and all other cases where replacements had to be made. This is especially true when it is necessary to seek qualified trade school teachers. There is a shortage of teachers, and towns with salary scales below the average must expect difficulty in interesting people of quality and ability.

In regard to the shortage of school rooms in Southbridge, it need only be said that almost every person who took the

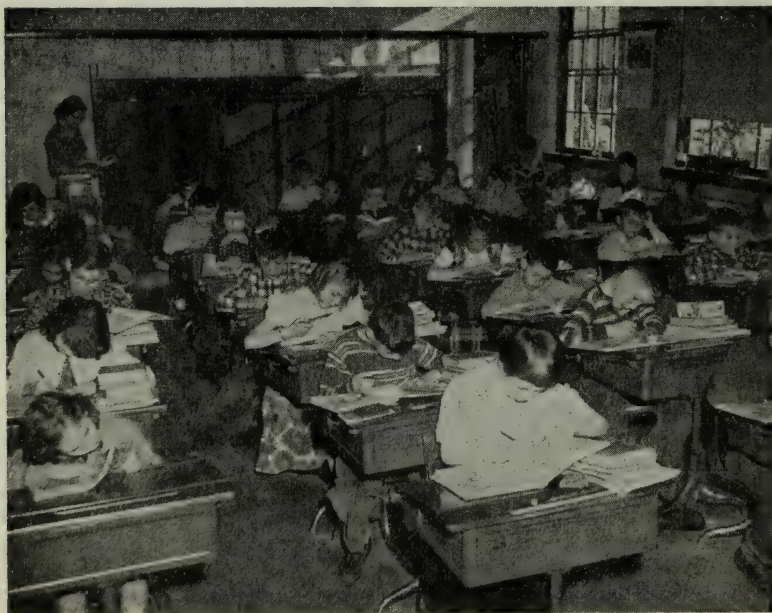
time to investigate, and there were many during the past year, agreed that additions or new buildings are necessary. There was considerable disagreement as to the best solution to the problem, but few felt that the present buildings would house properly all the students four years from now.

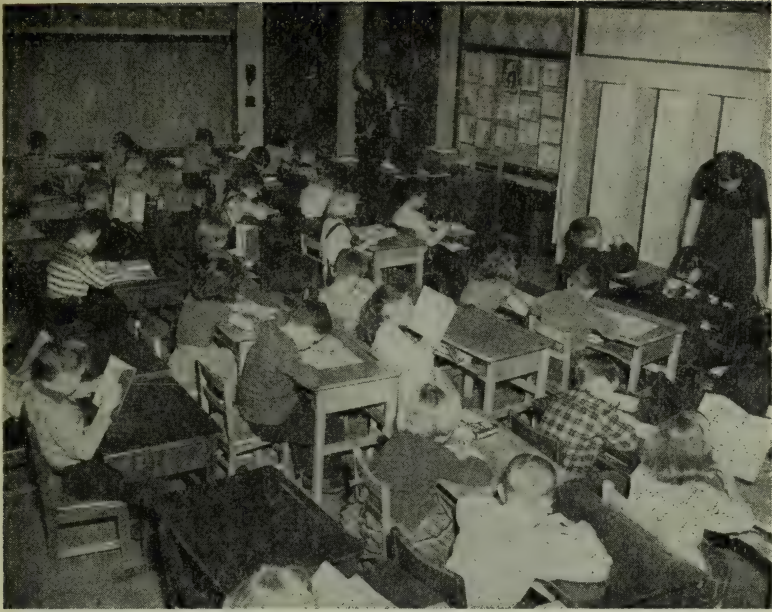
In recapitulation, the lack of enough qualified teachers is beginning to affect Southbridge. The need for more space, which the opening of Tantasqua and the abolishing of the kindergarten helped to alleviate in recent years, will become more acute in the near future. The condition of the present buildings and equipment, the increasing need for more space, the impending additions to the teaching force to absorb increasing enrollments, the absolute necessity to keep abreast of salary increases in other similar communities will all add to the cost of local education in the next decade.

Buildings and Equipment

During the past year, eight rooms in the high school, the auditorium at Pleasant Street, and the stage at Charlton Street were redecorated. The outsides of the windows at Charlton Street and Eastford Road were glazed and painted. A start was made toward the goal of weatherproofing West Street School and Eastford Road School. It has been a common ex-

42 PUPILS — 4th GRADE — West Street School





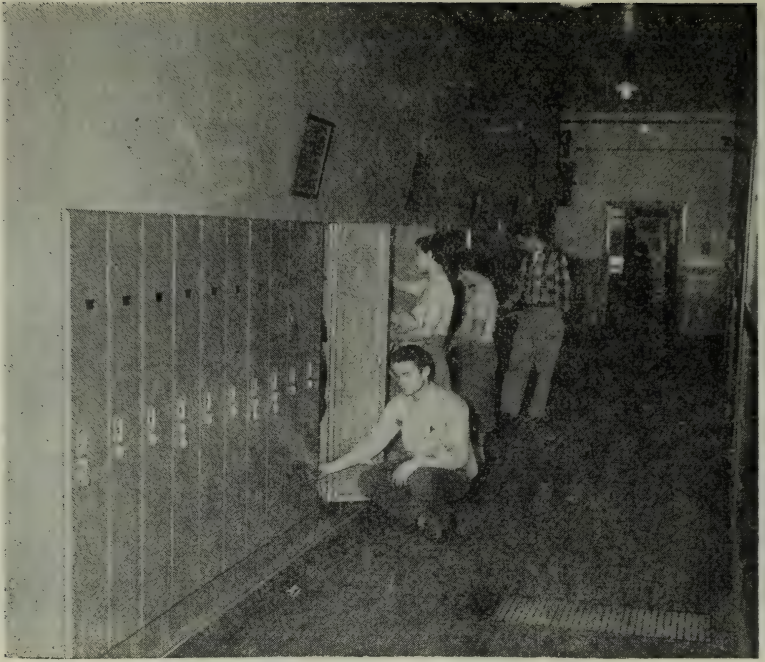
FIRST GRADE — Eastford Road School

perience to find water on the floors in both these buildings after severe rain storms. The boys at Mary E. Wells High School now have the modern rest-room facilities. The spacious new central office for the School Department will be found in the basement of the high school. The addition to the metal shop at Cole Trade High School was completed last Spring.

Four rooms at Mary E. Wells High School, one at Cole Trade High School, one each at Marcy Street School, Charlton Street School, and Eastford Road School have been completely refurnished. The Seniors at the high school have new lockers on the first floor in the corridors near their home rooms.

It is hoped that this project may be brought to completion as soon as possible so that every pupil in the school may have an individual locker thereby allowing use of the basement cloak rooms for storage of materials and supplies.

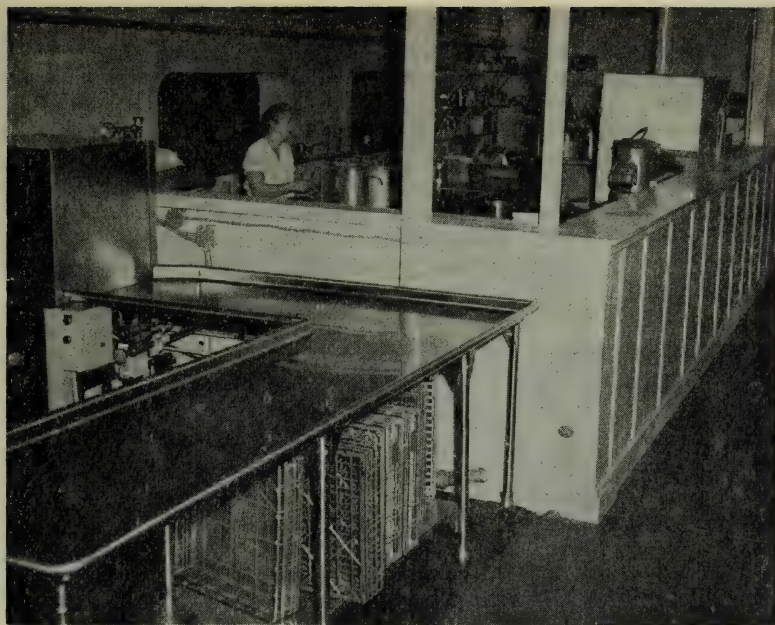
Four new typewriters and one new electric typewriter have been purchased. The cafeteria has a new stove, a new water heater, and an adequate storage room which was badly needed. There is a new curtain on the stage at Eastford Road School, and the public address system at that school has been completely rebuilt.



NEW LOCKERS — Mary E. Wells High School

HARD AT WORK — PRACTICAL ARTS
Mary E. Wells High School





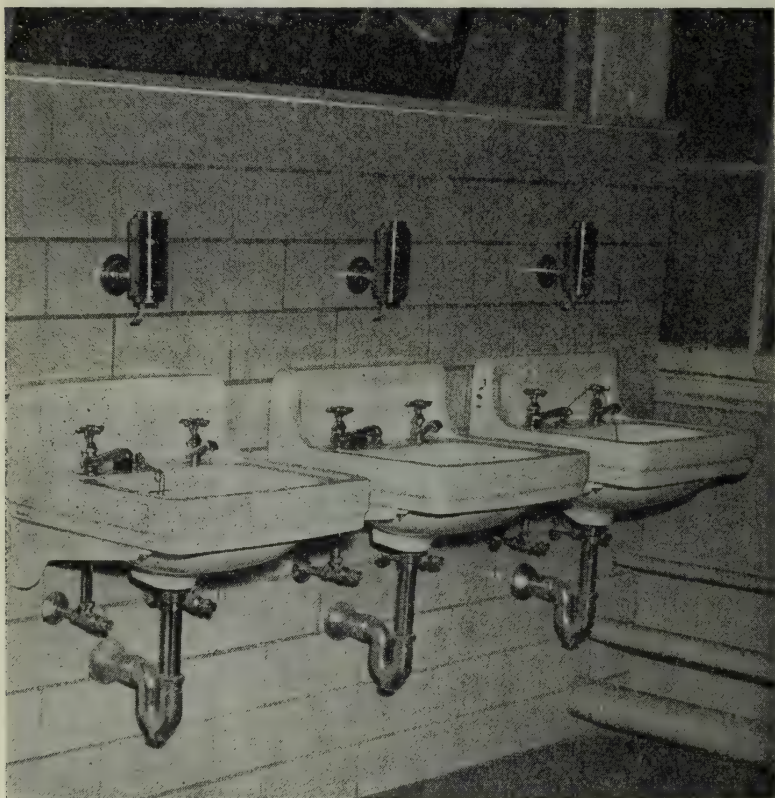
RENOVATED KITCHEN — High School

"HEAR THIS!" — Eastford Road School



Practical Arts

A few years ago, a law was passed by the legislature making it mandatory upon a town in which five or more pupils cannot avail themselves of the advantages accruing from regular classes to institute such instruction as may best suit their needs. In conformance with this decree, we have had two such classes in the high school building since last September. Under excellent teaching, and with fine cooperation from all concerned, these classes have been making acceptable progress. Fifty percent of the total cost of this curriculum is reimbursable by the state.



NEW FACILITY FOR BOYS — Mary E. Wells High School

Curriculum Guide

A new curriculum guide for all the public schools of Southbridge will be available next September. This has been a two-year project and has entailed a large amount of work on the

part of all members of the instructional force. The evaluation which is a necessary part of this study, since a thorough investigation of present curriculum must be made, is a worthwhile phase of the work.

Policies

Since an annual report provides the best medium for reaching a large number of citizens, a review of some of the administrative policies might be a source of clarification.

The established ruling of the Southbridge School Committee in regard to transportation is as follows: A child in any of the first four grades in public or parochial school who lives a mile or more from the school he attends will be transported to and from school, once a day each way. The deciding distance for a student in grades above the fourth is a mile and one half. In many towns, the mile and one half distance applies to all students. Any regular exception to this rule would amount to special privilege and cannot be condoned. It is sometimes brought to our attention that a certain bus is not filled to capacity. Using the capacity of the bus as a determining factor, one bus route might be carrying pupils who live a quarter of a mile nearer school than the limit. If this were done on one route, the parents on other routes would demand the same consideration, and, on routes carrying full loads now, it would be necessary to put on other vehicles. This could be a never-ending procedure. One exception, except for reasons of disability, and there would be no rule.

On stormy mornings, the traffic manager of the transportation company calls the Superintendent at 6:30 A. M. if, in his estimation, travel is too dangerous for navigation. If there is danger in travel, school is called off for the day because large numbers of our pupils come by bus, and many others walk distances which are prohibitive during bad storms. This policy has been instituted as a safety measure and its explanation may be enlightening. School may be called off for the day at 7:00 A. M. and it is possible that two hours later the sun may be shining. The Superintendent makes no pretense that he is a weather prophet, but the decision has to be made in a few minutes and must be final after the proper agencies have been alerted.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

The enrollment for the year 1955-1956, as of October, is divided as follows: Seniors—77, Juniors—100, Sophomores—92, Freshmen—127, Eighth Graders—163, making a total of 559 students.

CLASS OF 1955

Alan Roger Anderson	† Louise Ann Iozzo
* Marilyn Sarah Anderson	Marie Louise Jarry
Edwina Augusto	* Ann Judith Knowles
* Shirley Ann Belanger	Barbara Dorothea Kowaleski
* Patricia Ann Benjamin	† Emily Sylvia Laakso
† Carol Ann Benson	† Mary Elizabeth Lamarine
* Judith Ann Berry	* Beatrice Theresa Laroche
Gerald Bertrand, Jr.	Arline Mary Latour
* Elizabeth Frances Broskey	* Richard Roland LaVallee
† Carol Elizabeth Brown	Carolyn Lenora Leigh
* Peter Bruce Brown	* Robert Theodore L'Heureux
* Ann Louise Butler	* Donald Robert Lippe
James Eugene Campbell	Roger William Lundstrom
* Walter Chace	Adelina Nancy Lynch
Jane Louise Chase	Laurence Gilbert Martel
* Welsey Kraft Cole, Jr.	† Lorraine Doris Giacobbi
Constance Dolores Comeau	Margaret Ruth Giroux
* Evelyn Marie Confalone	William Robert Mason
† Donald Alderic Croke	† Diane Isabel McKinstry
* Antoinette Marguerite Del	Barbara Ann Michaelles
Greco	† Hazel Hope O'Claire
Ramona Benita DiBona-	Daniel Edward Orlowski
ventura	Marilyn Anne O'Shaughnessy
* John Leonard DiFederico	Nancy Frances Perron
* George Raymond Gaudette	* Dorothy Josephine Piasta
Elaine Corinne Gauthier	* Robert Alfred Poirier
Noreen Elizabeth Gauthier	† Margaret Elaine Polakowski
Constance George	Robert John Rischitelli
Celine Therese Cantara	* Dolly Ruth Rutcho
Ralph Richard Caron	Mary Allacoque Ryan
William Roycroft Golden	William Herbert Ryan
* Harold Kenneth Grant	* Beverly Anne Saint Martin
† Estelle Therese Gravel	Carol Marie St. Martin
Edward Joseph Grenke	Theresa Ann St. Martin
John Francis Halley	Paul Joseph Sfredo
† Kathryn Eugenia Hart	Brian Wynne Simpson
Donald Richard Hastings	* Ann Marie Sugda
* Edward William Hoginski	* Sandra Ann Szugda
William Edward Holden	* Dorothy Theodora Thanas
† Shirley May Holmes	Christo Vasil Topi
† Wilfrid Joseph Houde	Ruth Lillian Walker
† Carroll Angela Hughes	Donald Joseph Welch
† Jeanne Demetria Xanthakos	

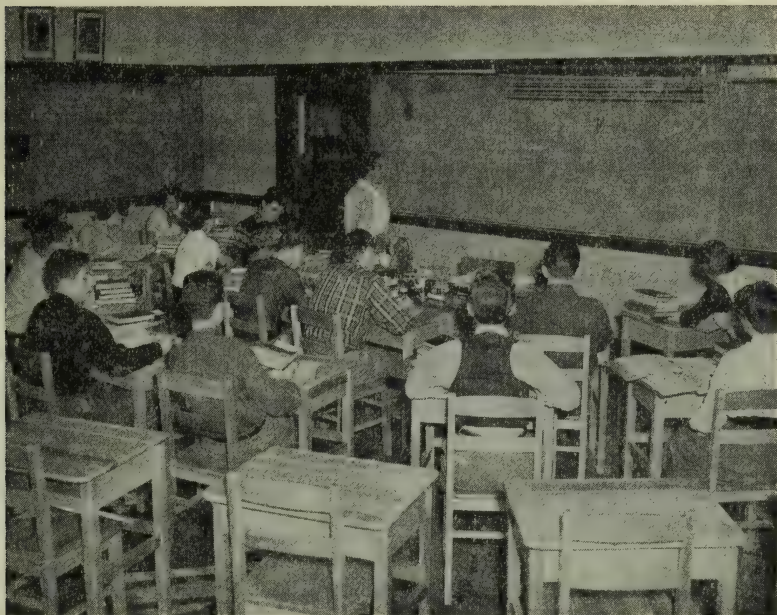
SPECIAL STUDENT Thomas Wilbur McKay

- * General Average of 80% or above for four years
- † Members of the National Honor Society

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Diplomas are granted upon completion of four different courses; namely: Academic, Commercial, Civic-Social, and Homemaking.

Eighty-four pupils were graduated on June 10, 1955 and their names are included in this report for the information of interested citizens.



NEW FURNITURE — High School

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SCHOOL PLANT

A considerable number of improvements and changes has been made in the school plant. These are listed below:

1. A complete remodeling job of the boys' lavatories was done in such a way that all health requirements are met.
2. Lockers for all seniors have been installed.
3. Four rooms have been furnished with new desks.
4. The painting of the interior of the school was continued, and now many of the rooms on the second floor are completed.
5. A modern teachers' room for men has been installed on the basement floor. The room is equipped with modern facilities.
6. A new gas range has been placed in the cafeteria, and

the rear wall of the cafeteria has been remodeled to afford better ventilation.

7. The teachers' dining room has been redecorated.

8. An office for the Vice-Principal of the School has been set up on the first floor.

9. The Principal's office has new linoleum covered floors.

10. A suite of offices for the Superintendent of Schools and his staff has been installed.

1955 FLOOD SERVICE

The high school building was opened during the flood emergency to offer shelter and food to those people needing these services. The assembly hall, during the early stages of the flood, was a distribution center for clothes. Many teachers, as well as the custodians, volunteered their services.

HOME MAKING

Home Making is a required subject for all girls enrolled in the ninth grade of the high school. Each girl takes two double periods and one single period of this course each week.

The program is not merely a cooking and sewing course, but a training in Home Making designed to teach the fundamentals which contribute to a happy home life and to the many jobs with which a home maker should be familiar.

The work of the department has been made more efficient by the installation of two new sewing tables. These tables are the latest models and each includes two modern sewing machines.

JUNIOR RED CROSS

The Junior Red Cross is a service organization. This group, under the able direction of Miss Luise Corbin, gives cheer and aid to the destitute, the ill, and the unfortunate.

The work of the group with the veterans supplements the tremendous task carried on by local, state, and national patriotic groups.

However, the work of the Junior Red Cross is not confined to local problems. Cognizant of the needs of many of our overseas allies, they have filled chests full of supplies that will take care of a school of forty-eight pupils for a period of one year. Each chest costs one hundred dollars to fill. The Mary E. Wells Chapter of the Junior Red Cross has sent chests to Greece and Korea.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

The work of the Guidance Department will be covered in the report of the Guidance Director, Mr. Sven Rosengren.

THE COMMERCIAL COURSE

The commercial program includes: typewriting, bookkeeping, comptometry, filing, office practice and all general business courses. The cooperative program with industry is still in operation. The course takes place in the last semester of the senior year and permits pupils to alternate work weeks with instruction weeks. The girls, four units of them, take places in reliable business institutions and have found this program most beneficial.

The equipment of the Commercial Department is kept at maximum efficiency. This year four more electric typewriters were added to the department.

THE COLLEGE PREPARATORY COURSE

The College Preparatory course prepares students for all leading universities and colleges in the country. Many of the pupils receive large scholarships, a tribute to their own industry and a tribute to the excellent instruction of their teachers. Students from this course have entered such leading institutions as Cornell, Connecticut College for Women, Brown University, the College of the Holy Cross, Tufts, Dartmouth, University of Massachusetts, Boston University, University of Michigan, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Clark University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard University, Smith College, Mount Holyoke, Wellesley College, Simmons College, Columbia University, University of Connecticut, University of New Hampshire, Williams College, Colorado College, Ohio State University, The College of New Rochelle, California Institute of Technology, Georgia Institute of Technology, Pennsylvania State College, Northeastern University, plus most of the leading business colleges and nursing schools.

THE EIGHTH GRADES

The eighth grades of the school system are still housed in the high school building. This year it has been necessary, because of increased enrollment, to have five eighth grade home rooms. The pupils receive the program opportunities of the high school, and they are eligible for all high school activities, including sports.

STUDENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

The Student Council of the Mary E. Wells High School plays an important part between students and administration. This organization is under the direction of Miss Constance Coderre. The values of the organization are manifold.

1. Pupils participate in or manage extra-curricular affairs.
2. Responsibility, initiative, and leadership are developed.
3. Proper student-faculty relations are promoted.
4. Training in worthy citizenship is furnished.
5. The general welfare of the school is promoted.
6. The internal administration of the school is aided.

The Fred E. Corbin Chapter of the National Honor Society, named in honor of the late Mr. Fred E. Corbin, inducted twenty-two members during the past year. The most recent induction was honored by the Principal of Woodstock Academy, Mr. Gregory C. Coffin, who spoke at the ceremonies.

The following young people have been inducted into the society during the past year:

February 1955:

SENIORS

Carol Brown	Kathryn Hart
Lorraine Giacobbi	Louise Iozzo
Diane McKinstry	

JUNIORS

William Bellos	Janet Bumpus
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November 1955:

SENIORS

Kleopatra George	Maureen Israel
Sandra Veshia	

JUNIORS

Barbara Bialy	Pauline Gendreau
Kenneth Blanchard	Ann Guardiani
Raymond Boisvert	William Johnson
Roger Crevier	Carol McKinstry
Judith Cutler	Ada Tieri
Barbara Duclos	Helen Xanthakos

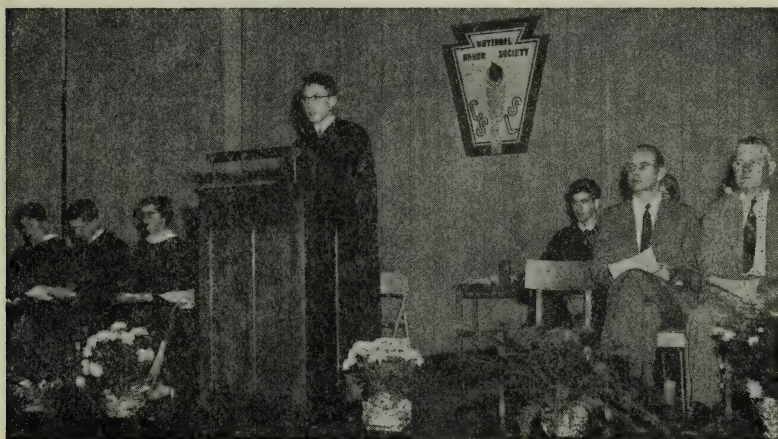
ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are held every other week. These assemblies are of immense value to any student body inasmuch as they are not only educational but explore the various phases of school life. Furthermore, they widen and deepen the interests of the pupils and serve as a means of developing public opinion and appreciation. The types of assemblies fall into many categories, such as are listed below:

1. Education
2. Music

3. Rallies
4. Drama
5. Club Programs
6. Movies
7. Entertainment
8. Honor Society Installation
9. Science
10. Commerce and Business
11. Observance of Special Days
12. Guidance

The assemblies are held in the auditorium of the high school.



HONOR ASSEMBLY

RECOMMENDATIONS

There are several recommendations that I would like to make at this time:

1. That the Town look to the future and purchase land for the erection of a six-year high school. Suitable sites for such a school are being sold and developed for other purposes.
2. That the lavatory facilities for girls be remodeled and modern equipment be installed.
3. That a complete renovation of the Science Laboratory be made. New equipment is needed to keep abreast with the rapid progress of science.
4. That a library be started and a teacher-librarian be appointed.
5. That more lockers be installed until enough are furnished to take care of all pupils' personal belongings, coats, rubbers, etc.

6. That the Industrial Arts program be expanded in order that those pupils who are not interested in a Trade Education may have the benefit from allied courses.

7. That a biology laboratory be installed so that pupils may conduct experiments to increase their interest in the subject.

8. That a survey be made to determine the proper methods of lighting all rooms in the school.

I wish to express my appreciation to the townspeople for their continued efforts in behalf of the Mary E. Wells High School, and I extend my thanks to the School Department for support.



WELCOME FRESHMEN

COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

RAYMOND L. W. BENOIT, *Director*

"An electronic tape runs a boring machine," reports a Minneapolis concern. Ford Motor Company said, "With automation a major training program will have to be set up." The President of General Motors said, "Automation will mean an upgrading of labor." Will automation affect the labor supply at Southbridge? This is problematical but we do know this. The Worcester Trade School accepted some work which will be used on an atom reactor, and before they were able to perform this work, it was necessary for the Shop and Related Teachers to receive special training. All of these facts mean

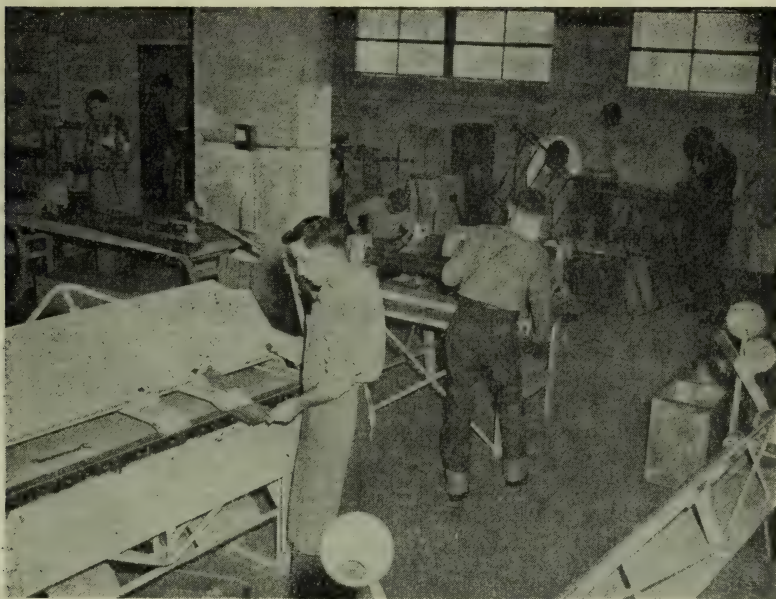
that something must be done about giving our boys a very thorough background in the sciences. In order to provide this training, we will require laboratory facilities.

It appears, at the time of writing this report, that this will be the second consecutive year when we will be unable to absorb those boys who are on the waiting list. This same condition exists in the Evening School.

The addition made to the Metalsmith Department this year has solved a problem which enables us to give the Metalsmith students the proper training.

The hour for Glee Club rehearsal was changed this year to accommodate the program of the Supervisor of Music. We hope that by next year the Supervisor's program will permit the Glee Club to meet the last period.

We are continuing the practice of providing clean towels and soap for the Gym classes.



ADDITION TO METAL SHOP

CLASS OF 1955

CABINET

James J. Helliwell
Donald P. L'Ecuyer

George E. Parent
Robert Wadsworth

DRAFTING

Richard A. Curboy

MACHINE

Ronald L. Allard	Donald G. Hufault
John C. Berry	Leslie B. Martel
Harold A. Chapman	Robert L. Maynard
Gregory E. Costa	George L. Saulnier
Raymond J. DeRouin	Donald R. Sheeran
Richard C. Foster	Alfred T. Stanger

METALSMITH

Roland L. Beaupre	Lucien J. Jolin
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CLASS OFFICERS

President	Donald L'Ecuyer
Vice President	Alfred Stanger
Secretary	James Helliwell
Treasurer	Richard Foster

AWARDS

American Legion Post No. 31 Award (Good Citizenship)	Richard Foster
Director's "C"	Robert Wadsworth
English	James Helliwell
History	James Helliwell
Mathematics	Richard Curboy
Science	Harold Chapman
Readers Digest Award	James Helliwell

EVENING SCHOOL DIVISION

Cabinet—Mr. Frank P. Skinyon	31
Drafting—Mr. John L. Benson	31
Machine—Mr. William B. Paul	32
Soldering-Welding—Mr. George H. Braman	25
Furniture Refinishing—	
Mrs. Margaret B. Baybutt	13
Mr. Stanley A. Naumnik	12
Mr. Antonio Orsini	25
Total	169

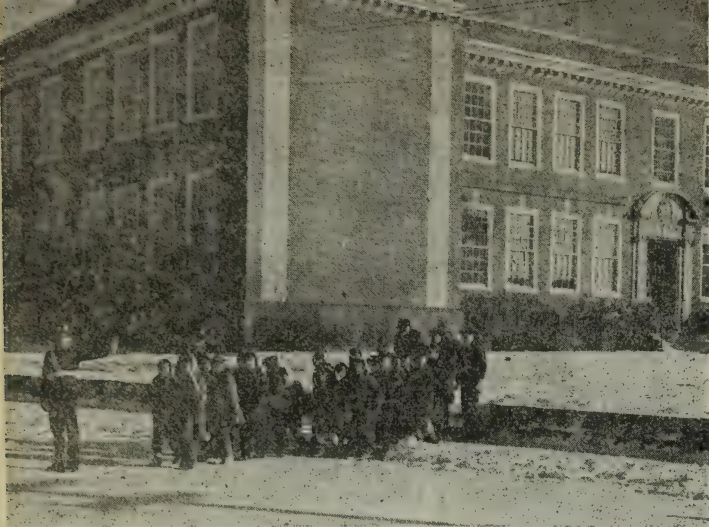
In conclusion, I thank the Townspeople, the School Committee, the Advisory Board, the Superintendent of Schools, the Faculty, the Office Staffs, and our Custodian for their valuable aid in helping to make Vocational Education a success in the Town of Southbridge.

HEALTH REPORT

MRS. LOTTIE A. LEBLANC, R.N., *School Nurse*

Some of the more essential work being done in this department can be better understood from the following statistics:





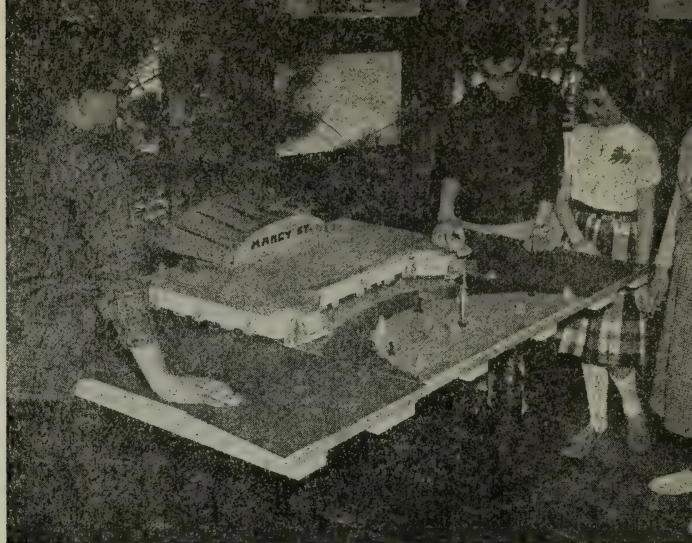
SAFETY FIRST
Charlton Street School

CHRISTMAS ANGELS
Eastford Road School



AN ADVENTURE IN ART
Mechanic Street School

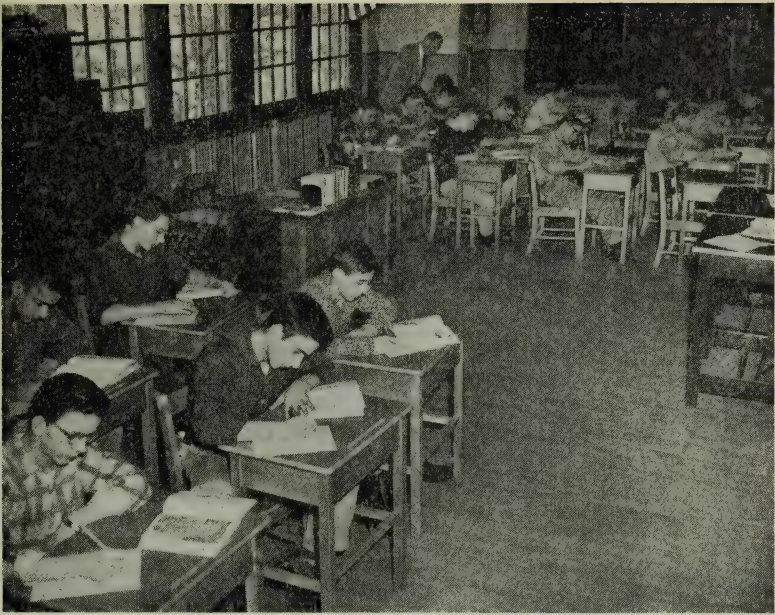
SCHOOL BUILDERS
Marcy Street School



CONCENTRATION
Pleasant Street School

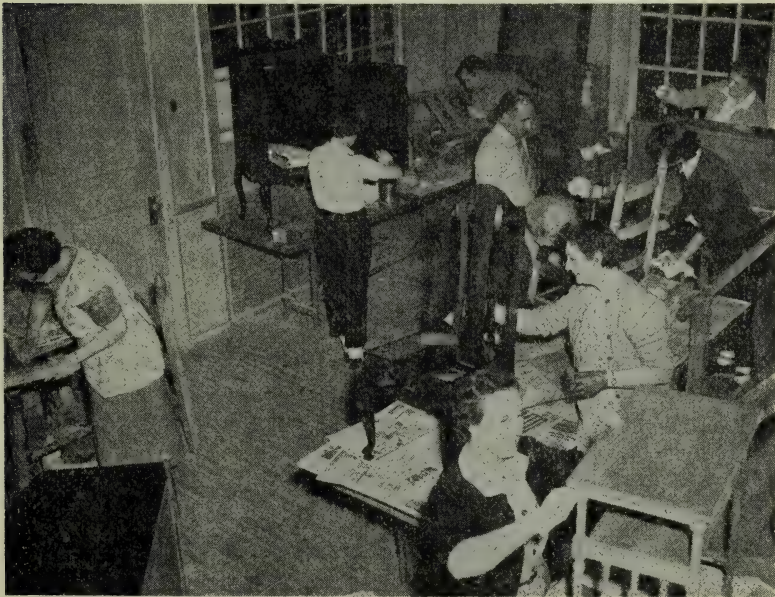
RECREATION AT NOON
West Street School





**Cole Trade High School
COMBINATION CLASS AND STUDY HALL**

FURNITURE REFINISHING — Cole Trade High School



Physical examinations	581
Visits to schools	305
Vision tests	1508
Hearing tests	2183
Home visits	160
Conferences on health problems	861
Dental Care	290
Innoculations	1229
Pre-School Clinic Registration	315
Donations for milk by Lions' Club	\$800.00
Census of the blind completed	
Census of the physically handicapped completed	
Special class for the mentally retarded given much attention.	

Six home teachers were provided for children unable to go to school. Clear Type Books were obtained from the Massachusetts Division of the Blind for three pupils.

In conclusion, I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the success of the 1955 Health Program.

BAND REPORT

MR. PAUL J. SWEET, *Director*

In reporting on the activities of the instrumental music department for the past year, one phase of the program seems to stand out prominently in regard to the continuing technical advancement of the students.

In the elementary grades, the instructor is able to take



NEW BAND INSTRUMENTS

small groups weekly. In this way, each new problem can be explained in a leisurely manner and a normal progress is noted. Unfortunately, this does not apply when these same students reach their freshman year. No plans, as yet, have been instituted whereby high school students can have this continuing small group instruction and thus continue their musical growth which, in turn, would be reflected in the more advanced grade of music they could perform. It would seem, therefore, that future schedule planning should consider this factor seriously.

When a new high school is built in Southbridge, plans should include a music suite which would include a properly planned rehearsal room for the band, several small rooms to be used for individual and small ensemble practice, storage space for uniforms, and instruments, and a director's office. This suite should be handy to the auditorium stage and also close to the athletic field or a large parking space, said space to be used for outside drilling. The gymnasium should be made available to the band for drilling in case of inclement weather, or for night drill practice.

The next phase of the instrumental program should deal with the problem of equipping the band with the types of instruments that are required to change it from a military marching band for outside work to a symphonic concert band so that it could properly perform concert music.

To this end, a beginning was made this year by the purchase of a set of tympani, a bass clarinet, and an oboe.

There is further need for a set of chimes, concert drums, an additional bass clarinet, an oboe, alto clarinet, two Sousaphones, three French horns, and fifteen new uniforms.

To bring the band up to a proper concert level, an investment of \$5,000 would be required.

A survey has been conducted of the schools of Massachusetts, the results of which show most of them do have the above symphonic instruments, and it is interesting to note that some of these towns, so equipped, are smaller than Southbridge.

In closing, may I point out the net worth of the band stands at a little more than \$5,000 as of this date.

REPORT ON CHORAL MUSIC

ELLWOOD S. JENNESS, *Director*

The year 1955 saw a continuing growth in the vocal music department of the Southbridge Public Schools. This growth is most easily discernible in the eighth grade and high school groups where the number of students electing chorus has increased from about 150 to nearly 250.

A very successful exchange concert, in cooperation with the high school band, was held with Athol High School in March. The operetta "H. M. S. Pinafore" was presented in

May. The High School Choir, with Donald Croke of the graduating class as baritone soloist, sang the cantata "Ballad for Americans" at the graduation, while the Girls' Glee Club furnished the music for the Baccalaureate Exercises. The Eighth Grade Glee Club, fresh from achieving an outstanding rating at the Central Massachusetts Festival, sang at the elementary school graduation.

In this present school year, the bands and choruses co-



HARMONY — Mechanic Street School

SECTION — MIXED GLEE CLUB



operated to present their first public Christmas program which was very well attended and, artistically, most successful.

Perhaps special mention is merited by the Boys' Glee Club since groups of this type are rather rare at the high school level. The more than fifty Wellsmen were roundly hailed by Worcester County music educators at the Teachers' Convention in November. Numerous other appearances by this group include concerts at Tantasqua High School and at Parents' night at Mary E. Wells.

It is admitted that much room for improvement exists at the elementary school level. Specific needs in this program mentioned in last year's report are still in evidence and the conviction is again advanced that an addition to the teaching staff is necessary in order that the desired ends be achieved.

GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT

SVEN O. ROSENGREN, *Director*

Testing Program

The testing program in the Southbridge Public Schools consists of a planned and continuing activity, including the administration and scoring of tests of scholastic aptitude or intelligence, vocational aptitude, interest and achievement. During the past year, group intelligence tests were administered to grades 1, 4, 7, 9, and 11. Also, in accordance with state law, an intelligence survey was conducted throughout the school system. Where the need was indicated, the Stanford Binet Test was individually administered as described in the law.

Vocational aptitude batteries were administered at grade 8 and grade 11 levels. The battery administered to the grade 8 group included mechanical, clerical, and scholastic aptitude tests, reading achievement tests, arithmetic achievement tests, and tests in language arts. Individual profiles were drawn using the data derived from these tests. Eleventh grade pupils responded to the Boston University Aptitude Test Battery annually administered at that level in the Mary E. Wells and Cole Trade High Schools. Again, individual psychometric profiles were constructed using test battery data.

During the first week of February, the California Achievement Test Battery was administered in all of the elementary school classrooms by the classroom teachers. Subsequent to this testing, a summary of survey data indicated that the average deviation from the national norm for all grades was $+ .7$ of one school year.

Counselling

As in the past, the nature of counselling was dependent upon the individual variation in types of problems considered. All eighth grade pupils completed interest questionnaires which were used to supplement aptitude profiles previously described.

Parents were sent invitations to visit the guidance office and to discuss selection of high school programs. Many parents accepted these invitations and participated in a cooperative counselling process.

Data derived from cumulative records, interest and preference inventories, psychometric batteries, and counselling records were used as aids in counselling high school students.

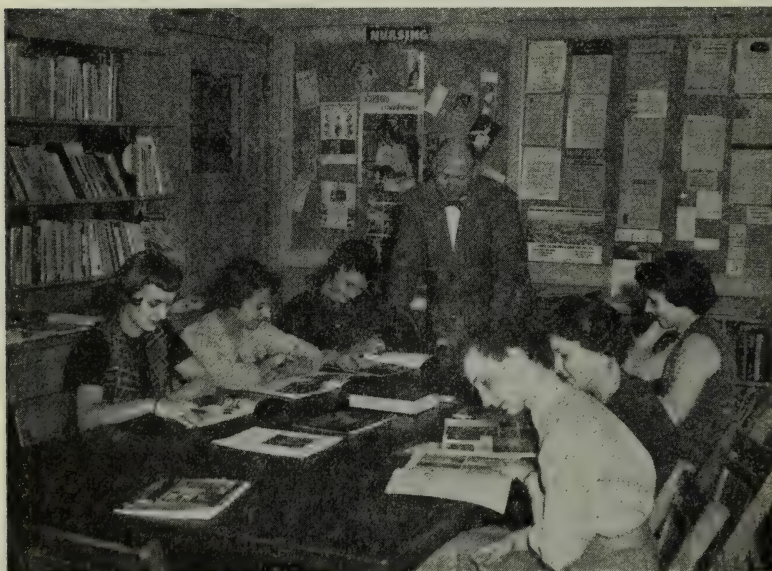
The graduating class of 1955 numbered eighty-two pupils, 42.7% of whom continued on to further education in four-year colleges, junior colleges, business schools and nursing schools.

Employment

As in recent years, part-time employment of pupils outside of school continued high. About seventy-five per cent of the seniors now at the Mary E. Wells High School were employed in some kind of part-time work. Their average income was \$16.80 per week. Forty-eight per cent of the Junior class was also employed in part-time work. However, the numbers of pupils employed in the Sophomore and Freshman classes were substantially smaller because of labor laws and age requirements.

Recommendations

1. It is recommended that a Dean of Girls be appointed in the Mary E. Wells High School to assist in the counselling program.
2. Diagnostic reading tests indicate that, as a group, the



KEY TO THE FUTURE

students in our public schools score well above the national average. However, there are a significant number of students in our schools who have reading problems. Therefore, it is recommended that a reading improvement program be initiated in our school system to help in meeting the needs of those who are slow readers.

The cooperation and assistance of all school personnel in the administering of the guidance program is acknowledged and appreciated. I wish at this time to express my sincere thanks for the many helpful contributions of time and effort that have been made in behalf of guidance services.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DR. LEWIS A. KYRIOS, *Director*

Our present Physical Education Program has been organized to include all the elementary school students, the special classes, and the entire student body of Cole Trade High School. Grades six and seven, both boys and girls, participate in regular gym classes, while all the students in grades 1 to 5 inclusive, participate in programs prepared by the Director, and supervised by classroom teachers during the recess period.

Calisthenics, games, relays, and recreational sports are emphasized in the regular gym classes. This program is flexible in order to provide a wide range of activities for the many interests and needs of the students. Each student averages one hour of physical education per week.

The program offered to the first five grades in the elementary schools has been designed to provide the students with opportunities to learn basic skills; to develop good health and safety habits; to encourage leadership, good sportsmanship, and to express themselves physically as well as mentally. This particular program has been divided into the following three levels: a program for Grades I and II, a program for Grades III and IV, and a program for Grade V. Thirty minutes a day are given to the program. Mimetics, singing games and group games are planned for the students in Grades I and II. Grades III and IV offer rhythmic activities, group games, relays and athletic games. Team games and athletic games are emphasized in Grade V.

AFTER SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAM

The after-school athletic program has been organized to give the elementary students an opportunity to participate in competitive sports with proper supervision. Touch football, basketball, and baseball are offered to the boys. The girls may participate in basketball and softball. Coaches have been appointed to insure proper supervision. Schedules are carefully prepared to protect the health and safety of the students. Proper equipment and facilities have been secured.

This program has been very popular with the students and the competition has been keen and better balanced in the past year. Accent has been placed on participation on the varsity as well as on the intra-mural levels.

REPORT OF ADULT CIVIC EDUCATION

MISS CONSTANCE M. L'ECUYER, *Director*

At this time, I should like to make clear some of the provisions of the latest laws in regard to Immigration and Naturalization of Aliens. With reference to Veterans, any alien who has been, for ninety days, in the service of this country, or who is a Veteran of American Wars from any country is eligible for citizenship.

A woman who has lived here and has been married to a citizen for three years may file for citizenship.

Persons of all races are able to become citizens and are admitted on the preference list on the basis of the relationship to an American citizen. Naturally, parents, then husbands, wives, or children are given first consideration.

There is one thing a Naturalized Citizen must ever keep in mind. These last laws make it easy to take away the citizenship of Naturalized Citizens and to deport them. For example, deportation may be effected for theft over five dollars.

Denaturalization threatens every Naturalized Citizen for failing to disclose any fact which he might have considered immaterial at the time he was naturalized. As for traveling, if he remains abroad for five years, he automatically loses his citizenship.

Last, but most important, every Alien faces deportation if he fails to register each January, thus reporting his address.

The most important objective of the Adult Civic Education Division of the Southbridge School Department is to reach adult non-citizens and foreign born residents, and to develop an interest in their preparation for Citizenship by helping them in every way possible to attain this goal. In this matter, the School Department has wholeheartedly cooperated with the Massachusetts Department of Education.

At this time, as Director, I wish to thank other Town Departments for their cooperation and help in giving needed information, and the Police Department for taking finger prints which must accompany each application filed.

We are pleased to note that, recently, naturalized citizens who not long ago attended Citizenship and English classes themselves, have encouraged close relatives to cross the Ocean. These new arrivals are now in English classes. This is a tribute to a Town that makes newcomers feel welcome and provides means to help them.

Private lessons and special help are given whenever there is need.



AN ATTENTIVE CLASS

PLAYGROUND REPORT

DR. LEWIS A. KYRIOS, *Director*

The playground season was scheduled to run from July 11th through August 19th, a period of six weeks. However, because of the polio threat epidemic, activities for the last week were cancelled. The activities were conducted at the following areas: Charlton Street, Eastford Road, West Street, and Pleasant Street.

PERSONNEL

Director — Lewis A. Kyrios

Supervisor of Arts and Crafts—Mrs. Kathryn Beauregard
Charlton Street Playground

Supervisors	Mr. Eugene Remian
	Miss Madelene Proulx
Assistants	Miss Judith Brockway
	Miss Jeanne Xanthakos

Eastford Road Playground

Supervisor	Mr. Vincent Puracchio
Assistants	Miss Mary Butler, Miss Joan Darley

West Street Playground

Supervisor	Mr. Paul Duhart
Assistants	Miss Antoinette Del Greco
	Miss Margaret Polakowski

Pleasant Street Playground

Supervisor Mrs. Dorothy Simpson
Assistants Miss Ann Knowles, Miss Marilyn
O'Shaughnessy, Mr. John Di Frederico

ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE

Total Enrollment	1100
Average Daily Attendance	435
Average Percentage of Attendance	42%
Largest Daily Attendance	640

MEETINGS

There were six meetings of the Supervisors held during the season, the purpose of which was to plan the activities of the week and to consider any difficulties that may have arisen during the previous week. These meetings were a source of help to all.

ACTIVITIES

The Playground program was divided in the following manner:

First Week	Organization Week
Second Week	Sports Program
Third Week	Intra-Playground Competition
Fourth Week	Amateur Shows
Fifth Week	Sports Playoffs
Sixth Week	Arts and Crafts Exhibit

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Under the capable supervision of Mrs. Kathryn Beauregard, the Arts and Crafts program was outstanding. Over 3500 pieces were made and many new articles were introduced. The polio threat forced the cancellation of the exhibit of the Arts and Crafts Program.

I wish to extend my appreciation to all those who worked so enthusiastically and loyally to make the playground a success.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF UNIVERSITY EXTENSION AND EVENING VOCATIONAL COURSES

DR. JAMES M. ROBERTSON, *Director*

Classes in evening vocational subjects were offered again this year and proved to be very well attended. The following vocational classes were started in September:

Elementary Sewing	Two classes
Advanced Dressmaking	Two classes
Tailoring	One class
Cooking	One class

University Extension classes were offered in the commercial and academic fields.

Elementary Typewriting One class

Elementary Surveying One class

These classes were conducted under the supervision of the State Department of Education and were instructed by accredited teachers.

Other classes in the vocational, commercial, and academic fields will be offered when the demand for them is sufficient to form such classes.

CAFETERIA REPORT

MRS. EDITH M. FREEMAN, *Supervisor*

The Cafeteria feeds an average of from 400 to 425 lunches each day, which represents an increase of from 100 to 125 over last year.

A new gas range and store room have been added, and a partition has been removed. This latter improvement provides better ventilation. However, there is still need of a mixer.

The Cafeteria, the Teachers' Dining Room, and the kitchen have been redecorated.

The Elementary Milk Program continues on the same high level as last year.

The Southbridge Rotary Club, Lions Club, and Southbridge Evening Woman's Club, together with the West St. P.T.A. provide milk for those who cannot afford it.

I wish to thank these organizations for their generosity in providing this additional nutrition which is so essential to children.

AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS REPORT

MR. EDWARD DESROCHES, *Director*

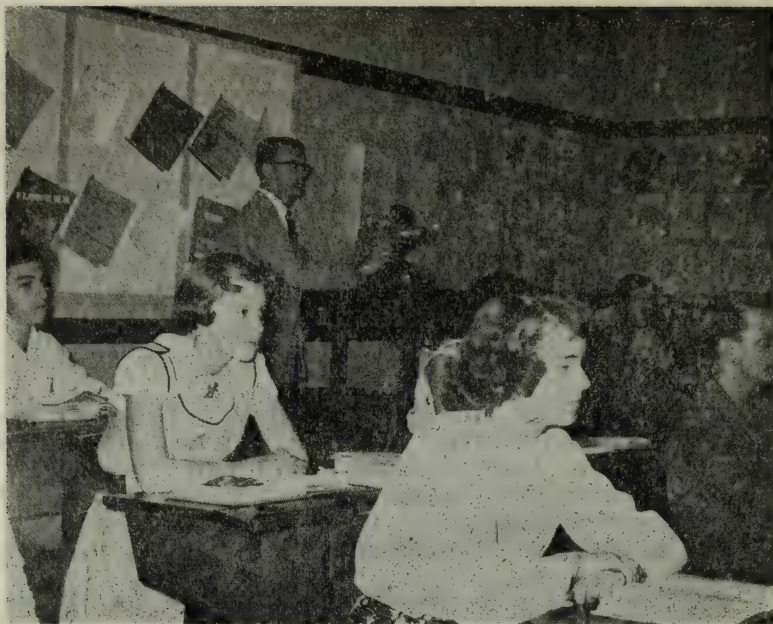
USES

The extended use of audio-visual materials is constantly being suggested and encouraged by the scientific evidence coming out of today's research in the field of education. The research shows very conclusively that children *learn more in less time* and *remember longer* when audio-visual materials are used to teach team.

Teachers of the Southbridge School System are very much cognizant of these findings as evidenced by their enthusiastic participation in the Audio-Visual Aids Program during 1955. Their use of the educational film, filmstrip, lantern slide, and tape recording, was frequent and effective throughout the year.

NEW EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

In accordance with the long range policy of the Department, new equipment and materials were added to the Department. A new DeVry sound motion picture projector was purchased for the High School; while approximately fifty film-



A LESSON IN PICTURES

MATERIAL FOR INSTRUCTORS



strips were added to the present filmstrip library which serves the needs of the entire school system. Our library now contains over three hundred filmstrips which are closely correlated with the major areas of the curriculum.

AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS RESOURCE RACKS

In order to facilitate the dissemination of audio-visual information, specially designed racks were built and placed in each elementary school. All information (books, bulletins, newsletters, catalogs, etc.) pertaining to audio-visual education is placed in these racks, thereby facilitating the teacher's task of locating desired audio-visual information. This procedure should result in better and more extensive use of audio-visual materials in the future.

STUDENT PROJECTIONISTS

This year, as in the past, students were trained and added to the Projectionist Squad in order to relieve teachers of mechanical details and give them more time for teaching when using projected aids. Teachers have voiced repeatedly their appreciation of this service.

RESEARCH

Research, initiated last year on the problem of "Building The Type of Audio-Visual Aids Program Which Should Be in Operation In the Southbridge Public Schools," was continued through the year and will be completed early in 1956. Many new ideas, methods, and procedures have already been incorporated in the administration of the present program as a direct result of the investigation.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Department considered it a privilege to assist various community organizations during 1955. Equipment and operators were provided for the following organizations during the year: Southbridge Women's Club, Rotary Club, Hamilton Rod & Gun Club, Girl Scouts, and the Jacob Edwards Public Library.

Since the success of any program is largely dependent upon its participants, I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to all administrators and teachers for their interest and assistance in the Audio-Visual Aids Program.

ART REPORT

All of our children have the potential ability to enrich their lives through the value of the arts. Teachers, who value

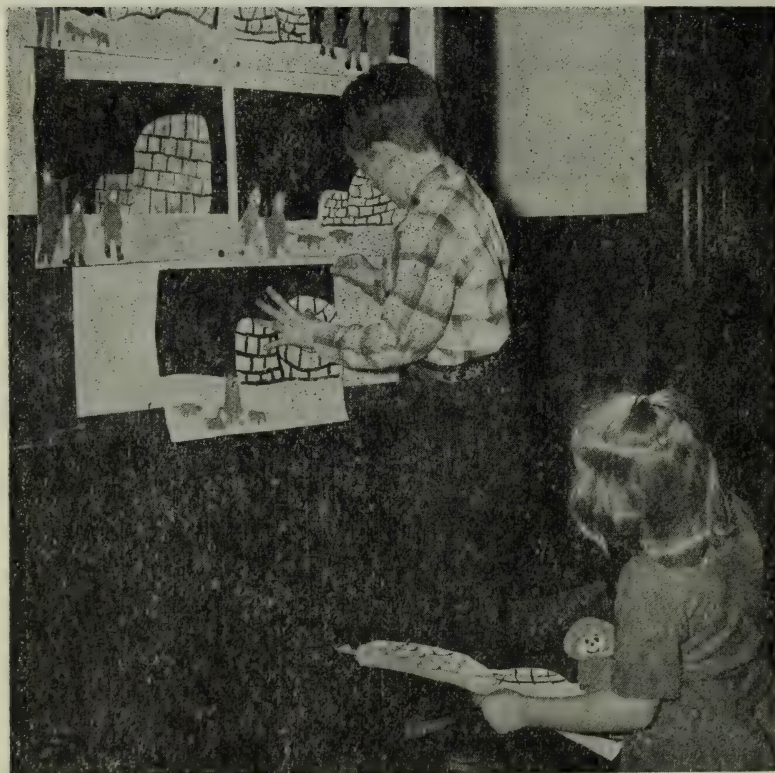
the creative ability of children, seek ways to nurture its growth. The integrated art program now in operation in the public schools of Southbridge is a flexible one, planned to help the child through the physical and human resources of our schools and his community.

In the primary grades, a child experiences, to the fullest extent, the satisfaction of expressing himself through the use of different mediums.

In the intermediate grades, work in design, drawings related to his experiences, and crafts give opportunities for creative expression to all.

In the upper grades, more difficult work is attempted, including instruction in block printing, stenciling, and the art of lettering with brush and pen; in addition, training is given in advanced color harmony, design, and participation in poster contests. On this level, many problems are related to his home and to the community.

Students in Mary E. Wells High School are offered an



SETTING UP ART DISPLAY — Pleasant Street School



EASTFORD ROAD MURAL

elective art course, which is of great value to students who wish to further their studies in art, or who are interested in drawing or painting as a leisure time hobby. Students are given thorough training in color theory, design, sketching, painting in water color, and oils for advanced students; also, layout, black and white drawings for the school paper, paper sculpture mobiles, stenciling, designing and printing for school programs, painting scenery for school plays, and making and planning decorations for school dances. The course provides stimulating and practical problems for the average, or the very gifted student.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

The name, date of appointment, and degrees appear in that order.

Robert L. Fox — 1954	M.Ed.
Sven Rosengren — 1950	M.A.
Claire Birtz — 1937	
Lewis Kyrios — 1945	D.Ed.
Ellwood Jenness — 1948	B.S.
Paul Sweet — 1950	

MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL

James M. Robertson — 1937	D.Ed.
Pauline Aucoin — 1921	B.S.
Kathryn Beauregard — 1922	M.A.

Rose Brodeur — 1939	M.A.
Eva Casavant — 1933	M.A.
Laura Chapman — 1953	A.B.
Constance Coderre — 1929	B.S.
Corbin, Luise — 1915	
Edward Desroches — 1949	A.B.
Paul Duhart — 1949	M.Ed.
Thecla Fitzgerald — 1926	M.Ed.
Robert Hart — 1952	M.Ed.
Estelle Hefner — 1933	Ph.B.
Everett Holmes — 1945	M.Ed.
Persis Howe — 1930	B.S.
Barbara Kyrios — 1940	B.S.
Eino Laakso — 1945	M.A.
Gilbert Lamarre — 1954	B.A.
Harry McMahon — 1926	M.A.
William Nickerson — 1941	
Mitchell Skaza — 1955	D.D.S.
Elinor Small — 1945	M.Ed.
Flora Tait — 1939	M.A.
Frances Troy — 1927	B.S.
Lindzay Varnam — 1943	M.Ed.
Elsie Wanerka — 1945	B.S.
John Welch — 1948	M.Ed.

COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

Raymond L. W. Benoit — 1949	M.Ed.
John Benson — 1942	B.S.
George Braman — 1938	
Walter Glondek — 1938	
William Paul — 1942	
Guy Raiti — 1955	
Eugene Remian — 1949	B.S.
Frank P. Skinyon — 1934	B.S.
Lawrence Swenson — 1932	
Edwin Waskiewicz — 1952	

CHARLTON STREET SCHOOL

R. Joseph Racine — 1944	M.A.
Dorothy Berthiaume — 1954	A.B.
Lorene Fierro — 1954	B.S.
Helen Golden — 1948	
Claire Kirk — 1949	B.S.
Gwen Kuszewski — 1954	
Dorothy Locke — 1954	
Ruth Mahan — 1948	B.S.
Bernard Pouliot — 1955	B.A.
Anthony Sapienza — 1954	B.S.
Marie Saunders — 1954	

EASTFORD ROAD SCHOOL

Raoul Lataille — 1940	M.Ed.
Theodore Finnerty — 1948	M.A.
Bertha Foley — 1912	
Irene Gough — 1912	
Thomas Mahoney — 1954	B.S.
Cathryn Maxwell — 1945	
Julia Morrill — 1914	
Vincent Puracchio — 1950	B.S.
Dorothy Simpson — 1954	B.S.
Marie Skaza — 1949	
Florida Tarquinio — 1942	B.S.
Lois Traub — 1955	B.A.
Ruth Huson — 1946	

MARCY STREET SCHOOL

Constance L'Ecuyer — 1940	M.A.
Patricia Callahan — 1939	M.A.
Elizabeth Curtis — 1944	A.B.
Alice Dion — 1926	
Josette Dupuis — 1948	A.B.
Myrtle Jodrey — 1944	
Martha Koprowski — 1954	B.S.
Malcolm Nash — 1948	M.Ed.
Evangeline Towse — 1948	M.Ed.

MECHANIC STREET SCHOOL

Anita Sfreddo — 1953	Ms.B.
Ann Bousquet — 1955	B.S.
Tynne Straatveit — 1955	M.A.

PLEASANT STREET SCHOOL

Camella Dintini — 1940	B.S.
Corinne Beaudreau — 1924	
Ruth Sampson — 1930	
Mary Winston — 1951	

SPECIAL TEACHERS

William E. Rinehart — 1952	
Stanley Naumnik — 1954	B.S.
Clara Reed — 1941	

WEST STREET SCHOOL

Laurenda Boyer — 1927	
Yolande Augusto — 1951	B.S.
Dagmar Irwin — 1954	
Nancy Jodrey — 1954	B.A.

John Kowalski — 1955	B.A.
Madelene Proulx — 1954	B.S.
Eva Salviuolo — 1943	B.S.
Dorothy Sheriff — 1945	
Anne Skudlark — 1954	
Celestine Sweet — 1932	

CAFETERIA PERSONNEL

Edith Freeman — 1953	Manager
Gladys Alger — 1953	
Viola Galligan — 1953	
Irene Gates — 1954	
Isabel LaForce — 1953	

CHANGE OF TEACHERS

Left

March—*Mary Puracchio	Eastford Road
May—Francis Couture	Cole Trade High
June—Claude Lacouture	Mary E. Wells High
June—*Arthur Lane	Mary E. Wells High
June—Rosaire Pariseau	Cole Trade High
June—Lorraine Gagne	Charlton Street
June—Elizabeth Duhamel	Charlton Street
June—William Haith	West Street School
August—Joseph Angelini	Marcy Street
September—Ernest Hall	Cole Trade High
September—Ruth Cummings	Cafeteria
October—Louisa Steenburn	Special Class
December—Dr. Mitchell Skaza	Mary E. Wells High

Appointments

September—Dr. Mitchell Skaza	Mary E. Wells High
September—Guy Raiti	Cole Trade High
September—Bernard Pouliot	Charlton Street
September—Lois Traub	Eastford Road
September—Ann Bousquet	Mechanic Street
September—Tynne Straatveit	Mechanic Street
September—Joseph Kowaleski, Jr.	West Street
September—Edith Freeman	Cafeteria

CHANGE OF JANITORS

Appointments

January—Joseph Libera	Mary E. Wells High
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January—Frederick Alger	Mary E. Wells High
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JANITORS

1954—Joseph Brouillard	Marcy Street
1946—John B. Craite	Cole Trade High

1942—Armand Gaumont	Mechanic Street
1952—Wilfred P. Gauthier	West Street
1952—Adelard Lavallee	Mary E. Wells High
1943—Theophile Leduc	Charlton Street
1955—Joseph Libera	Mary E. Wells High
1941—Joseph Moore	Eastford Road
1949—Eugene Tetreault	Pleasant Street
1953—George St. Martin	Mary E. Wells High

CONCLUSION

We have placed before you a record of activities, changes in personnel improvements in the system and other material which we hope has given you an understanding of our aims, our hopes and our problems. We are grateful to you, the taxpayers of the community for all that you have done, and we hope that we may have your support in our plans to improve and expand the educational program.

To the Southbridge School Committee with whom it has been a pleasure to work, to the hard-working staff, to all who have contributed in any way to the year's achievement, I close this report in an expression of appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT L. FOX

Superintendent of Schools

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT



TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

YEAR ENDING

December 31, 1956

SOUTHBRIDGE TYPESETTING COMPANY
SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS
1956

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1956

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

Armand O. DeGrenier, Chairman	1956
Wesley K. Cole, Clerk	1956
Royce Fitzpatrick	1956

Treasurer

Norbert C. Benoit	1958
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Town Clerk

Clare Boyer

Public Welfare

Hermas Lippe, Chairman	1957
Raymond Boucher, Clerk	1958
John M. Beaudry	1959
Lillian Proulx	

Old Age Assistance

Hermas Lippe, Chairman

Raymond Boucher

John M. Beaudry

Assessors

Charles Normandin, Chairman	1956
Rosario Arpin, Clerk	1958
Ernest Farland	1956

Board of Health

Dr. Raymond Haling, Chairman	1956
Dr. Armand DeGrenier, Clerk	1957
Henry Demers	1958
Ernest Tetreault, Agent	Rachel Jolicoeur, Nurse

School Committee

Belmore St. Amant	1958
Linia Beck	1956
Lorenzo Beaupre	1957
Eugene Leblanc	1956
Paul A. Roy	1957
Ralph Racicot	1958

World War Memorial Trustees

Albert J. Tremblay	1956
William Berry	1957
Ovila Donais	1958
Stavre Yanka	1957
Hormidas Beaudry	1956

Cemetery Committee

Jesse Blackburn	1958
George Dumas	1956
Lectance Landry	1957

Constables

Bernard Richard	1957
Raoul Meunier	1958
Blaise Trudeau	1956

Tax Collector

Elizabeth Duhamel	1957
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Planning Board

James Fallon	1959
Roland A. Pontbriand	1960
Edward Walsh	1957
William B. O'Shaughnessy	1958
Raymond Lataille	1956

Sewer Commissioners

Edgar McCann	1958
Raymond Bachand	1957
Alfred Gaudreau	1956

Park Commissioners

Hormidas Beaudry	1959
James F. Lapriore	1957
Joseph G. Gendreau	1958

Moderator

Rosario Normandin	1956
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Commissioners of Trust Fund

Vincent T. Walsh	1958
James Fallon	1956
Charles Hart	1957

Tree Warden

Chester J. Maska	1956
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Southbridge Housing Authority

Herminigilde O. J. Cournoyer	1956
Leon Livernois	1959
Lionel Duval	1960
Francois Sansoucy	1958
Louis J. Ciprari, appointed by the State	

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

Assistant Clerk to Selectmen

Jean W. Earnest 1957

Town Accountant

Leon Caron 1957

Town Counsel

Robert Niedermeyer 1957

Town Engineer

Henry Racicot 1957

Veterans' Benefit Agent

Roland G. Hetu 1957

Veterans' Service Department

Roland G. Hetu 1957

Care of Town Clock

Earl O'Clair 1957

Recreation Committee

Frank Skinyon	1958	Nestor Pontbriand	1958
John E. Merrill	1959	Joseph Gendreau	1957
Louis Brunelle	1959	Hermigilde O. Cournoyer	1959
Francis Ashe	1959	Frederic Volpini	1959
Armand Bellerive, Jr.	1957	Oswald Salce	1959
Alfred Vecchia	1957	Lorenzo Beaupre	1959
A. Raymond Dartt	1957	Lewis Kyrios	1958
Marcy Osimo	1959	Henry Racicot	1957
Albert Gendron	1957	Louis VanderNoot	1958
Edgar McCann	1957	Joseph Gendreau	1958
James Lapriore	1957		

Superintendent of Schools

Robert L. Fox 1957

Keeper of Lock-Up

Ovide Desrosier 1956
 Louis Bucci, Assistant 1957

Custodian of Town Hall

Olivier Proulx June, 1956
 Emile Leduc 1957

Animal Inspector

Alcide Fournier 1957

Plumbing Inspector

Arthur Ballard 1957

Building Inspector

A. Raymond Dartt 1957

Wire Inspector

Arthur Eno 1957

By-Law Committee

D. W. Morrill	Mitchell Kurposka	Alfred Ferron
John O. Martin	J. Belden Sly	Oswald Laliberte

Registrars of Voters

Ferdinand Lemoine	1958	Raymond Varin, Jr.	1959
Albert Maramo	1957	Clare Boyer, Ex-Officio	

Moth Superintendent

Chester J. Maska 1957

Fire Department

Oswald Meunier, Chief	Daniel Daniels, Dep. Chief
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Superintendent of Fire Alarms

Norman Larochelle, appointed by Fire Dept. 1956

Fire Wardens, Appointed by Fire Chief

Oswald Meunier	1956	Albert Servant	1956
Joseph Mandeville	1956	Rosario Bellerose	1956
Emile Caouette	1956	Archie Langevin	1956
Romeo Lippe	1956	Daniel Daniels	1956
Harry Michaels	1956		

Fence Viewers

Euclid Gatineau	1957	Herman Giroux	1957
Alphonse Renna	1957	August Kowalski	1957

Finance Committee

J. Daniel Dumas	1958	Clifford Eaton	1958
Armand Lacasse	1959	W. J. Lusignan	1958
John Rischitelli	1957	Joseph Swiacki	1957
Edward Belair	1959	Theophile Morin	1957

Norman Leathers	1958	Steve Simonelli	1957
Albert Lusignan	1959	Louis Manseau	1959
Victor Peloquin	1957	Louis Simon	1959
Herbert Rainey	1958		

Measurers of Wood and Bark

Thomas L. Hughes	1957	Arthur Gendron	1957
Clifford McKinstry	1957	Royce Fitzpatrick	1957

Field Drivers

Jacob Gouin	1957		
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Soldiers Burial Officers

William J. Congdon	1957	Arthur Eno	1957
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Public Weighers

Jacob Edwards	1957	Jacqueline Jalbert	1957
Clifford McKinstry	1957	Royce Fitzpatrick	1957
Loretta Fitzpatrick	1957	Argentina Damian	1957
William Cox	1957	Arthur Gendron	1957
Harry Michaels	1957	Mary Culliton	1957
Rose Gauthier	1957		

Zoning Board of Appeals

Peter Graf	1957	Edgar McCann	1957
Edward Seremet	1957		

Dog Officer

Ernest Cadarette	1957		
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Sealer of Weights and Measures

Gerard R. Lariviere	1957		
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Care of Veterans Graves

William J. Congdon	1957		
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Retirement Board

Leon Caron	1959	Theodore Kwarciak	1957
Signe E. Braman	1958		

Airport Committee

Edgar Lewis	1959	Emile Arsenault	1957
William LeGate	1961	Albert DiGregorio	1958
Louis Stevens	1960		

Library Trustees for the Town

Edward P. Sheehan 1957 Oswald Laliberte 1959
Dr. Nerio Pioppi 1958

Pound Keeper

Frederick H. Dowling 1957

Superintendent of Streets

Joseph Benoit 1957

Committee for Revaluation of Property

Arthur Smith 637 Elm Street
William Horsley 157 Chapin Street
Bernard Sherry 2 Chapin Court
Ernest Fontaine 41 Warren Street
Robert Coderre 452 Hamilton Street

Southbridge Radio Officer — Civil Defense

Charles McLam 89 Dennison Lane

Board of Review

Mario DeAngelis, Chairman — 1959 12 Lebanon Hill
Edgar Tremblay — 1958 73 Moon Street
Marie Lariviere — 1957 97 Everett Street

JURY LIST

MALE

Name — Residence	Business or Occupation and Address of Employer or Business
Abrahamson, Stanley F., 26 Franklin Ter.	Milk Salesman for Deary Brothers
Allard, Omer P., 380 Charlton St.	Tool & Die Maker, Globe Tool & Die Co.
Asselin, Gerard J., 115 Marcy St.	Belfont Dye Co.
Beaudry, John M., 12 Charlton St.	Counterman at Spec-Town Diner
Beaudry, Joseph A., 468 Hamilton St.	Painter, Self Empl.
Bibeau, Rudolphe J., 53 Worcester St.	Machinist American Optical Co.
Blair, Alfred F., 85 Worcester St.	Trucker, Self-Empl.
Blanchette, Leon, 27 Union St.	Carpenter Waterhouse Co.
Bolduc, Albert A., 245 Mechanic St.	Lens Washer, American Optical Co.
Brodeur, Normand E., 111 Everett St.	Optical Worker, American Optical Co.
Caron, Anatole J., Jr., 33 Crystal St.	Salesman, Desrosiers Buick Corp.
Caron, Philias, 16 Water St.	Custodian, Harrington Memorial Hospital
Chapdelaine, Ernest A., 2 Oliver St.	Optical Worker, American Optical Co.
Clifford, Richard F., 327 Hamilton St.	Laborer, Mass. Dept. of Public Works
Costa, George V., 76 Elm St.	Watchman, Hyde Mfg. Co.
Daigle, Alexander A., 67 Highland St.	Foreman, American Optical Co.
DiMarco, Fiore A., 139 Mechanic St.	Grinder, Universal Blank Co.
Dufault, Joseph, 276 Hamilton St.	Maintenance of Roads, Mass. Dept. of Public Works
Duquette, Albert F., 24 Worcester St.	Textile Worker, Belfont Dye, Inc.
Duval, Lawrence E., 12 Charlton St.	Shovel Operator, L. G. DeFelice & Son

Ethier, Louis G., 383 Elm St.	Janitor, American Optical Co.
Farland, Ernest A., 15 Chestnut St.	Lens Worker, American Optical Co.
Flood, Henry F., 326 Main St.	Retired
Fontaine, Lucien, 240 Charlton St.	Machinist, American Optical Co.
Fournier, Joseph H., 55 off West St.	Grinder Hyde Mfg. Co.
Freeland, Raymond, 348 Main St.	Retired
Gaumont, Armand I., 711 Main St.	Trucker, Self-Empl.
Gendreau, Joseph U., 165 Pleasant St.	Knife Maker, Russell Harrington Cutlery Co.
Gendron, Albert, 184 Morris St.	Optical Worker, American Optical Co.
Girouard, Frank, 326 Main St.	Retired
Gouin, Rheo J., 60 Union St.	C. P. C. Engineering Corp.
Gravel, Lionel, 406 Charlton St.	Press Operator, American Optical Co.
Gurka, Edward G., 267 Main St.	Pricer, American Optical Co.
Hebert, Armand F., 55 Coombs St.	Machinist, American Optical Co.
Hetu, Roland G., 788 Worcester St.	Veterans Agent, Town of Southbridge
Houde, Harmel E., 43 Randolph St.	Foreman, American Optical Co.
Jolin, Jean B., 811 Worcester St.	Lens Grinder, American Optical Co.
Kingsbury, Walter E., 19 Franklin Ter.	Optical Worker, American Optical Co.
Lacasse, Hormidas J., 2 Lens Court	Optical Worker, American Optical Co.
LaFleche, Albert R., 121 Everett St.	Optical Worker, American Optical Co.
LaFleche, Roch E., 900 Charlton St.	Emery Grader, American Optical Co.
Laliberte, Oliver, 71 River St.	Polisher, Russell Harrington Cutlery

Lambert, Henry, 175 Morris St.	Polisher, American Optical Co.
Lamontagne, Israel N., R.F.D. #2,	Hyde Mfg. Co.
Landry, Lectance J., 62 Lovely St.	Optical Worker, American Optical Co.
Lange, Eugene, 112 Hamilton St.	Unemployed
LaPorte, Alexis, 119 West St.	Retired
LaRiviere, Ubald A., 102 Lebanon St.	Press Set-Up Man, Russell Harrington Cutlery Co.
LeBel, Robert W., 43 Randolph St.	Optical Worker, American Optical Co.
Leblanc, Leon L., 370 Hamilton St.	Southbridge Highway Dept.
Leblanc, Wilfred J., 219 Charlton St.	Machinist, Russell Harrington Cutlery Co.
LeBoeuf, Roland A., 27 Chestnut St.	Asst. Manager, F. W. Woolworth Co.
Lemoine, Ferdinand, 22 Edwards St.	Retired
LePain, Arthur J., 236 Marcy St.	Retired
Lesniewski, Thaddeus A., 111 Woodstock Rd.,	Tool-Maker, American Optical Co.
Libera, Joseph, 9 Ballard Ct.	Custodian, Southbridge School Dept.
Livernois, Alfred E., 101 Worcester St.	Retired
Livernois, Leon F., 183 Worcester St.	Machinist, Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Co.
Lucier, Arthur, 386 Main St.	Retired
Martel, Napoleon J., 7 Prospect St.	Cook, Cartier's Restaurant
Matte, Armand H., 61 Guelphwood Rd.	Press Operator American Optical Co.
Misiaszek, Thadeus A., 423 Charlton St.	Clerk, Army & Navy Store
Moriarty, James B., 150 Pleasant St.	Unemployed
Nichols, Thomas J., 33 Fiske St.	Case Inspector, American Optical Co.
Olson, George P., 733 South St.	Machinist, United Aircraft Corp.
Paquette, Walter O., 257 Alpine Dr.	Stock Clerk, American Optical Co.
Paquin, William, 35 Worcester St.	Lens Gauger, American Optical Co.

Patenaude, George J., 12 Pine St.	Cutlery Worker, Hyde Mfg. Co.
Paul, Wilbrod J., 395 Elm St.	Truer, American Optical Co.
Paulhus, Wilfred, 25 Dupaul St.	Retired
Peloquin, Felix, 27 Coombs St.	Retired
Pezzetti, John E., 401 Elm St.	Insurance Agent, John Hancock Co.
Pinsonneault, Richard G., 33 Orchard St.	Case Maker, American Optical Co.
Pinsonneault, Wilfred L., 109 Pine St.	Cutlery Worker, Hyde Mfg. Co.
Plasse, Herman, 319 Charlton St.	Lens Picker, American Optical Co.
Potvin, Henry, 142 Pleasant St.	Retired
Prunier, Leon T., 83 Elm St.	Machine Operator, Harrington & Richardson Co.
Richards, David, 39 Worcester St.	Retired
Roulier, Emile Co., 31 Franklin Ter.	Engineer, Pratt & Whitney Aircraft
Rydensky, Richard F., 267 Main St.	Clerk, First National Stores, Inc.
Sansoucy, Leonard E., 449 Hamilton St.	Optical Worker, American Optical Co.
Santo, Dominic, 28 Lebanon Hill	American Optical Co.
Serleto, John F., 18 Park St.	Keyes Pontiac Motor Sales
Servant, Clovis E., 415 Breakneck Rd.	Pratt & Whitney Air.
Simpson, Andrew H., 85 South St.	Electrician, Kennedy Co.
Stypulkowski, Anthony, 110 Old Sturbridge Rd.	Salesman, Hoginski Motor, Inc.
Szydlik, Edward S., 28 Meadowbrook Rd.	Locksmith, American Optical Co.
Tavernier, Omer J., 10 Lens St.	Press Operator, American Optical Co.
Trahan, Ovila, 16 Clark St.	American Optical Co.
Tremblay, Albert J., 240 Marcy St.	Unemployed
Tremblay, Leodore L., 274 Charlton St.	Supervisor, American Optical Co.
Vecchia, Albert D., 60 Sayles St.	Cutlery Worker, Russell Harrington Cutlery Co.
Walsh, Vincent T., 23 Edwards St.	Unemployed
Whiteoak, Arthur, 416 Worcester St.	Unemployed

FEMALE

Name — Residence	Business or Occupation and Address of Employer or Business
Bachand, Mabel F., 31 Hamilton St.	Husband employed by A. O. Co. as shipping clerk
Benoit, Roseanna, 154 Hamilton St.	Husband employed by Harvey Wells Electronic
Boisvert, Eleonard, 65 River St.	Retired
Brousseau, Rose A., 107 Pine St.	Unemployed
Bruso, Mary A., 80 High St.	Retired
Costa, Magdalina G., 91 Central St.	Husband employed by A. O. Co., Night Watchman
Cournoyer, Yvonne C., 22 Locust Ave.	Husband employed by United Bread Sales as Baker
Decker, Florence D., 206 Chapin St.	Retired
Dubreuil, Julia, 174 Hamilton St.	Unemployed
Gaudette, Lucy T., 601 Woodstock Rd.	Russell Harrington Cutlery, Time Keeper
Gaumont, Stephanie, 711 Main St.	Husband Self- Employed, Trucking
Gravel, Loretta, 215 Hamilton St.	Electric Solderer at A. O. Co.
Hall, Ella R., 353 East Main St.	Unemployed
Jalbert, Mabel E., 171 Sayles St.	Housewife
LaFleche, Lea, 282 Mechanic St.	Packer at A. O. Co.
Lariviere, Beatrice M., 102 Lebanon St.	Saleslady, Dress Shop
LaRiviere, Marie E., 97 Everett St.	Husband, Sealer of Weights and Measurers, Town of Southbridge
Latham, Rose A., 67 Charlton St.	Unemployed
Lippe, Isidora A., 214 Marcy St.	Retired
Mathieu, Orienda, 129 Charlton St.	Retired
Metras, Blanche, 346 Charlton St.	Saleslady, Robbins Store

Proulx, Lilianne G., 178 Chapin St. Welfare Agent,
 Town of Southbridge

Russell, Mary R., 86 Hamilton St. Retired

Salek, Alice G., 801 Worcester St. Husband employed by
 Worcester County Electric Co.,
 Stock Clerk

Shepard, Rose P., 77 Hamilton St. Retired

Sullivan, Evelyn E., 40 South St. Drug Store Clerk

Trudeau, Atwilda, 50 Central St. Clerk

Varin, Laura A., 110 Mechanic St. Clerk at Gift and
 Hardware Store

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The Board organized March 7, 1956. Dr. Armand O. DeGrenier was appointed Chairman of the Board, Wesley K. Cole was appointed Clerk of the Board, and Royce Fitzpatrick serving as third member of the Board.

An investigation after the resignation of the former Assistant Clerk for discrepancy in the Town funds was instituted. Through the assistance of the State Auditors and the Chief of Police, satisfactory settlements were made. Mrs. Jean W. Earnest was appointed Assistant Executive Clerk of the Board to fill this vacancy.

Frequent visits to Boston to the Department of Public Works and Department of Waterways by the Board, with the help of our Representative, Leo J. Cournoyer and Senator Paul H. Benoit, to make them successful, to facilitate the rehabilitation of our bridges, roads, and brooks.

We were also successful in our interviews with the State Department for getting the necessary reimbursements for the Town of Southbridge, as a result of the 1955 Flood devastation.

The renovation in the rear of the Town Hall offices was done the T. P. Morin, Painting Contractor; the repair of the roof on the Town Hall Building by the Southbridge Roofing Co.; the purchase of the Sand Bank in Sturbridge, Mass., from Wilfred Pontbriand on September 10, 1956, with acreage of 11.4 acres; at the request of business people from Mechanic Street and Charlton Street, and through the help of Congressman Philip J. Philbin, Representative Leo J. Cournoyer, and Senator Paul H. Benoit, and with the courtesy of the American Optical Co., we were able to obtain a Bailey Bridge on the Mechanic Street side, from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, which relieves the traffic traveling North and South; three dine and dance requests were rejected unanimously for the best interest of the Town; after an investigation of complaints by the Watch and Ward Society and an agreement, made after an injunction was served on the Board, that pinball machine licenses would stay in effect until the expiration of the licenses on December 31, 1956; a group Medical and Life Insurance for the employees of the Town of Southbridge went into effect October 25, 1956, after a diligent survey by the appointed Board of Review, are the major projects completed this year.

Liquor Licenses:

6	Club All Alcoholic	\$300.00	\$ 1,800.00
3	Club Wine and Malt	100.00	300.00
2	Innholder All-Alcoholic	600.00	1,200.00
12	Restaurant All-Alcoholic	500.00	6,000.00
12	Restaurant Wine and Malt	200.00	2,400.00
4	Package Goods All-Alcoholic	300.00	1,200.00
6	Package Goods Wine and Malt	100.00	600.00
5	Drug All-Alcoholic	50.00	250.00
2	Special Wine and Malt	25.50	51.00
2	Special Wine and Malt	8.50	17.00
5	Seasonal All Alcoholic	150.00	750.00
61	One-Day Wine and Malt	1.00	61.00

\$14,629.00

Miscellaneous Licenses:

89	Taxi Drivers	\$ 1.00	\$ 89.00
18	Taxi Owners	1.00	18.00
52	Pinball Machines	20.00	1,040 00
21	Sunday Store	3.00	63.00
86	Overhanging Signs	1.00	86.00
3	Firearms	3.00	9.00
47	Common Victuallers	3.00	141.00
19	Auto Dealers	3.00	57.00
3	Lodging House	1.00	3.00
9	Storage Tanks .....	.50	4.50

\$ 1,510.50

Town Hall Rental \$765.00

Used Equipment Sold:

Aluminum Boat	\$ 5.00
Police Cruiser	238.00
Fire Apparatus	125.00

\$ 368.00

Vandalism to Town Hall \$10.00

Total Amount \$17,282.50

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**STEEL UTILITIES CORPORATION vs. BOARD OF ROAD
COMMISSIONERS AND TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE:**

Active action in Superior Court claiming damages in amount of \$450 for snow plow blades.

**AMERICAN OPTICAL COMPANY vs. TOWN OF SOUTH-
BRIDGE:**

Inactive Land Court case concerning land bounded by Mechan-
ic, Crystal, and Lens Streets.

ANTHONY J. CRESCENZO vs. TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE:
Active action in Superior Court claiming \$5,000 damages for personal injury on Charlton Street.

STANLEY MROCZKOWSKA vs. TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE:
Non-triable case in Superior Court claiming \$15,000 damages for personal injuries at corner of Main, Mill and Hamilton Streets.

LEROY BRIGGS vs. TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE:
Petition in Superior Court for trespass damages, litigation to be terminated upon payment by Town of damages and interest in the sum of \$2,625.60.

WAYLAND C. AND GERTRUDE HECK vs. TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE:
Petition in Superior Court for Eastford Road reconstruction land damages; litigation terminated upon payment by Town of damages in amount of \$3,100.

RALPH GAULIN vs. TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE:
Inactive case in Superior Court concerning pinball machines.

CITY OF WORCESTER vs. TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE:
Action in Central District Court of Worcester for City Hospital Public Welfare charges, litigation terminated upon payment by Town of \$2,293.84.

DOROTHY E. PLIMPTON vs. TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE:
Petition in Superior Court for damages for land taking needed for Eastford Road reconstruction.

The expenses of operating our department are given in the report, prepared by the Town Accountant, and for that reason are not enumerated here.

We wish to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the other Town department committees, and all others who have cooperated with us during the past year to promote good government.

Respectfully yours,
ARMAND O. DeGRENIER, Chairman
WESLEY K. COLE, Clerk
ROYCE FITZPATRICK

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 7, 1956

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1956 to Your Honorable Board.

On behalf of the Police Department, I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for the splendid co-operation received from Your Honorable Board, and all other Town Departments, the members of the Auxiliary Police, parents and members of the School Safety Patrol, the School Superintendent and the faculty of all schools for their part in supervising the School Patrol members, Industry, Merchants and the citizens of our Community in the year 1956.

Adultery	2 Males	2 Females
Violation of Town By-Laws		5
Armed Forces Deserter		1
Disturbance of the Peace	15 Males	3 Females
Operating so as to endanger		14
Operating under the influence of liquor	26 Males	2 Females
Drunkenness	235 Males	18 Females
Gaming and Present at Gaming		8
Lewd Cohabitation	1 Male	1 Female
Violation of motor vehicle laws	118 Males	5 Females
Non support of wife, children		7
Violation of Traffic Rules	58 Males	1 Female
Vagrants		3
Carrying dangerous weapon		1
Assault		7
Breaking and Entering and Larceny		2
Breaking and Entering and Intent to Commit Larceny		3
Larceny and Attempt		14
Larceny of Auto		1
Malicious Mischief		2
Malicious destruction of property	13 Males	1 Female
Using Motor Vehicle without authority		8
Delinquency by Injury to Building		1
Furnishing Liquor to Minor		1
Procuring and Delivering Liquor to Minor		3
Violation of Probation	2 Males	2 Females
Illegal Possession of Police Badge		1
Obscene Photographs in Possession		1
Profane Cursing and Swearing		1
Making false statement to obtain liquor		1

Unlawful Sale of Liquor	3
Keeping Unlicensed Pinball Machine	1
Keeping Gaming House	1
Neglect of Children	2 Males 1 Female
Having Slot Machine in Possession	1
Exploding Firecracker	1
Selling Firearms without a permit	1
Total Arrests	566 Males 36 Females (16 Juveniles)
Radio Calls Sent Out	598
Doors and Windows found unlocked, open	726
Parking Violations	131
Night Lodgings	32
Permits Issued to Purchase Firearms	19
Permits Issued to Carry Firearms	177
Permits Issued to Work Lord's Day, Holidays	53
Persons Committed to Insane Asylums	17
Summonses served for Out of Town Police, Courts	261
Permits Issued for Sound Trucks	17
Total Bicycles Registered	1389
Motor Vehicle Violations Department Warnings	151
Motor Vehicle Violations Reported to Registry	233
Personal Injury Accidents Reported to Police	36
(Operators Injured 23)	
(Passengers Injured 23)	
(Pedestrians 9, 1 Fatal)	
(Bicyclists 3)	

Respectfully submitted,
 OVIDE A. DESROSIERS,
 Chief of Police.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

Southbridge, Mass.
 January 2, 1957

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit my report for the Gift trees and shrubs of the Netherland Government.

The Shipment arrived in April to be planted under Quarantine until released by the United States Department of Agriculture Plant Quarantine Branch.

I had two very convenient plots of land offered by the Town Infirmary and Oak Ridge Cemetery. I had to add loam to make

plant beds and prepare and nourish top soil for planting. The plants were all grafted stock with a tremendous root system, this required a very deep plant bed. I found the plants were of very high quality. I lined out the plants in prepared plant beds and cared for all plants through the season, covered the Azaleas and Rhododendrons for the Winter with pine boughs to protect from wind burn.

I wish at this time to thank the Park Commissioners and Boy Scouts for their help.

The Plants will be given out as soon as they are released by the Plant Quarantine Branch.

Respectfully submitted,
CHESTER J. MASKA,
Tree Warden

Planting and Caring Trees and Shrubs	
Netherland Government	
1956 Receipts and Appropriations	\$1,900.00
Salaries and Wages:	
Tree Warden	\$ 221.85
Labor	995.70
Other Expenses:	
Loam	211.25
Rototilling	91.00
Truck hire (to haul loam)	84.00
Equipment	66.50
Fertilizer	63.90
Peat Moss and Humus	130.55
Water	19.52
Hydraulic Spraying	9.00
Telephone, Manila Tags and Twine	6.73
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	\$1,900.00

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Gentlemen:

I wish to submit my report for the Tree Warden Department for the year ending December 31, 1956.
The past year I removed 21 dead trees, 2 stumps, repainted 20 cavities, pruned deadwood out of trees on various streets, bracing and cabling.

Respectfully submitted,
CHESTER J. MASKA
Tree Warden

Tree Warden Dept. 1956 Appropriation		\$2,200.00
Salaries and Wages:		
Tree Warden	\$	471.40
Labor		964.63
Other Expenses:		
Power Saw Hire		106.75
Truck Hire		425.25
Winch Truck Hire		20.00
Tractor Loader (to load logs)		4.50
Tools and Material (axes, tree healing paint, paint brushes, rope, cable, screw rods, etc.)		207.47
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		\$2,200.00

GYPSY MOTH DEPT.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen..:

I wish to submit my report for the Gypsy Moth Department for the year ending December 31, 1956.

The past year I sprayed with Malathion and DDT, as many of our town owned trees as possible because of the limited amount of funds, for Gypsy and brown tail moths, tent caterpillars, cankerworms, oriental hag moths, fall webworm, saddled prominent, pine looper, woodticks.

Infestation in sprayed areas have been kept down to my satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER J. MASKA,
Moth Superintendent

Moth Extermination 1956 Appropriation		\$ 400.00
Salaries and Wages:		
Moth Superintendent	\$	9.35
Other Expenses:		
Insecticide 25% (DDT)		79.29
Hydraulic Spraying		310.50
Paint Brushes86
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		\$ 400.00

DUTCH ELM DISEASE DEPT.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit my report for the Dutch Elm Disease Department for the year ending December 31, 1956.

I sprayed the town owned elm trees twice with a hydraulic sprayer using Malathion and DDT emulsion, to control elm leaf and bark beetle with excellent results. Removed and burned eleven dead elm trees and four stumps and removed deadwood out of elm trees on town owned property.

Respectfully submitted,
CHESTER J. MASKA,
Moth Superintendent

Dutch Elm Disease Department:

1956 Receipts and Appropriation	\$3,517.93
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Salaries and Wages:

Moth Superintendent	\$ 195.50
Labor	410.28

Other Expenses:

Chain Saw	54.25
Truck Hire	178.50
Insecticide (Malathion and 25% DDT)	850.78
Winch Truck and Tractor Loader	9.50
Hydraulic Spraying	1,818.00
Telephone & Postage for Elm Samples	1.12

\$3,517.93

REPORT OF TOWN ENGINEER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit the following report of the work accomplished by the Engineering Department for the year 1956.

New Construction — Planned, Laid Out, Inspection

1. Violet Ave. Sewer—C. F. Chase
2. Newman & Faulkner Ave. Sewer—C. F. Chase
3. Fiske St. Sewer—C. F. Chase

4. Mary Ellen Lane Sewer—C. F. Chase
5. North St. Sewer—C. F. Chase
6. Snow St. Sewer—Duff Bros., Inc.
7. Dennison Drive Sewer—C. F. Chase
8. Hillside Road Sewer—C. F. Chase
9. Depot Parking Lot Resurfacing—S. Kaitbenski
10. Oak Ridge Cemetery Resurfacing—S. Kaitbenski
11. Sayles St. Reconstruction—C. F. Chase
12. Hartwell St. Drain—Highway Dept.
13. Pleasant St. Drain—Highway Dept.
14. Violet Ave. Reconstruction—Highway Dept.
15. Brook Rd. Reconstruction—Highway Dept.
16. Dresser Memorial Park Improvement—Littlefield Wyman Nurseries, Inc.
17. Chain Link Fence at Bailey Bridge—American Steel & Wire Co.
18. Depot Parking Lot Water Service—McKinstry Ice Co.
19. Elm St. Wall—Paul Cimicud
20. Federal Housing Trailers—Stanley Kaitbenski
21. Fire Station Addition—Henry Latour
22. Glenwood Ave. Sewer—C. F. Chase
23. Demolishing Building at Dresser Memorial Park—S. Perizichino
24. Town Hall Painting—Theophil P. Morin
25. Quinebaug River Clearing of Flood Debris
Joseph V. Abretti
26. Mary Ellen St. Drain—C. F. Chase

New Streets Laid Out

Lee St. (Abandonment)	Elmwood Ave.
Sunny Hill Drive	Proulx Ave.
Violet Ave.	Fairview Ave.
Jennison St.	Idlewood St.
Cleveland Ave.	Glenwood St.
	Brook Rd.

Street Bounds Set

Glenwood Street	4	Elmwood Street	3
Lee Street	1	Jennison Street	2
Upland Street	2	Grandview Street	2
Dennison Street	3	Fire Station	2

Surveys

Airport	Southbridge Finishing Co.
Litchfield Ave. Drain	transfer to Town of South-
Gravel Banks (2)	bridge
Brookside Rd. relocation	Vinton St. relocation

Investigations and Miscellaneous

1. Flood Records
2. Chapter 90. Hearing (Worcester)
3. Flood Hearings at U. S. Engineer's (Boston)
4. Flood Relief Board Hearings (Boston)
5. Flood Permanent Repairs
6. Southbridge Finishing Co. Dam and Canal
7. Land Takings at Bridge Reconstruction Sites
8. Bailey Bridge at Mechanic St.
9. Chapter 91. Nuisance & Cohasse Brooks—Liaison work with Mass. Dept. of Public Works
10. Bridges—Liaison work with consulting Engineers & Mass. Dept. of Public Works
11. Chapter 90. Eastford Rd. — Liaison work with Mass. Dept. of Public Works.
12. Sewage Treatment Plant — Liaison work with Comm. of Mass. Health Dept.
13. Articles for Annual Town Meeting.
14. Articles for Special Town Meetings.
15. Sewer Assessments.
16. Park St. Drain.
17. Spring St. Brook.
18. Drain at Hyde Mfg. Co.
19. Pole on Corner Cisco and Coombs Sts.
20. Cady Brook Releases.
21. Brookside Rd. Drain.
22. Fire Alarm System at Town Infirmary.
23. House Numbers — 55.
24. Accidents — 7.
25. Legal Notices (advertised in local paper) — 35.
26. Charlton St. Drain.
27. Soil Conservation Program.

The beginning of the year 1956 found the Town still struggling to repair the damage of the August 19, 1955 flood caused by the storm Diane.

Our biggest problem lay with the reconstruction of 10 bridges. Flood Relief money was made available to the Mass. Dept. of Public Works to replace or repair all bridges in the Town. The task of drawing plans and specifications being so big, the Dept. of Public Works delegated this work to several consulting engineering firms and then the Dept. of Public Works drew up contracts on the basis of these plans, which were advertised and bid. The Town was required to furnish any land necessary for this work. Upon failing to acquire releases from all abutters, it was found necessary to take all land by Eminent Domain.

Completed Bridges:

Vinton St.
Brookside Rd.
Saundersdale

Westville
Central St.
West Main St.

Near Completion:

River St.
Mill St.

Mechanic St.

The only bridge remaining which will be completed during the early Spring will be the Charlton St. Bridge.

The second problem was to do permanent repairs on all streets in the Flats that were damaged by the flood. This work has been completed.

FLOOD RECORDS

A great deal of time was spent by your Town Engineer keeping records and filing claims with the Flood Relief Board for repayment of money expended during the flood.

Claims Filed	\$203,587.69
Total Amount Approved	124,067.69
Total Ineligible	41,653.30
Total Unpaid Balance	37,866.70

It is evident that this flood will cost the Town approximately \$30,000 to \$35,000.

FLOOD REPAIRS

Through the efforts of the Board of Selectmen, Rep. Leo Cournoyer, Sen. Paul Benoit and your Town Engineer, we obtained from the U. S. Corps of Engineers and the Mass. Dept. of Waterways, the following work:

1. Remove a section of the Big Pond Dam.
2. Clearance of Channel from Main to Mill Streets.
3. Clearance of Canal from River to Company Dam at Southbridge Finishing Co.
4. Clearance of Quinebaug River banks below Cady Brook.
5. Clearing and widening of Cady Brook.
6. Plan and specifications now being drawn to replace dam and gates of Southbridge Finishing Co.
7. Wall along Cady Brook.

This department also spent a great amount of time making preliminary investigation and field surveys for the proposed expansion at the airport. Boring tests were made and plans are now approaching final stages. This project is one that may help

place the town of Southbridge in a better position, due to the proposed expansion in the town of Sturbridge.

It is time that our progressively minded men of both Industry and Politics, plan for the expansion, continued growth and welfare of this Town. Our town is highly developed in the northern portion but the southern portion is practically virgin land, and our geographical position in relation to the East-West Toll Road and Route 15, which is the main route to New York, is not prohibitive and can be developed by improving our roads that lead to these turnpikes and exerting every effort to bring about a new road from Providence to these roads through the southern portion of our town.

Again this year, all work was done with the full cooperation of the Highway Department and the Board of Selectmen, which resulted in better work and a great saving to the Town of Southbridge.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of your Board and other Boards, Committees, and Departments for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY A. RACICOT,
Town Engineer.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER
FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956

Cash on Hand, Jan. 1, 1956	\$ 190,935.06	
Receipts for 1956	3,256,075.87	
		\$3,447,010.93
1956 Disbursements		3,103,860.80
Balance, Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1956		\$ 343,150.13
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Funded Debt

Due 1957	Denominated	Date of Issue	Amt. of Loan	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1956
\$4,000.00	Northern Dist. Elem. School	1938	\$80,000.00	\$8,000.00
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Temporary Loans

\$200,000.00	Anticipation of Taxes	Due May 1, 1957
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Post War Fund

2¼% U. S. Treasury Bonds—Dated Feb. 1, 1944	\$ 75,000.00
2¼% U. S. Treasury Bonds—Dated June 1, 1945	75,000.00
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	\$150,000.00
Coupon and Savings Bank Int. through 12/31/56	47,248.64
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	\$197,248.64
Transferred from Savings Acc't per Article #37, March 12, 1956 Town Meeting	25,000.00
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Fund Balance	\$172,248.64

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Cemetery Fund

Depository	Balance Dec. 31, 1956	Interest 1956
Cambridge Savings Bank	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 97.50
Dedham Inst. for Savings	2,000.00	62.50
Gardner Savings Bank	3,000.00	90.00
Lynn Inst. for Savings Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Leominster Savings Bank	2,475.00	80.44
Millbury Savings Bank	2,000.00	62.50
New Bedford 5-Cent Savings	3,000.00	86.25
Natick 5-Cent Savings Bank	2,500.00	81.26
Southbridge Savings Bank	12,168.20	348.52
Salem 5-Cent Savings Bank	3,000.00	93.75
Winchendon Savings Bank	3,000.00	105.00
Ware Savings Bank	2,000.00	65.00
Webster 5-Cent Savings Bank	2,000.00	57.50
Worcester 5-Cent Savings Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Worc. Federal Co-op. Bank	4,000.00	125.00
Workingmen's Co-op Bank	4,000.00	120.00
Merchant's Co-op Bank	4,000.00	123.00
Mattapan Co-op Bank	2,000.00	62.50
Mt. Washington Co-op Bank	4,000.00	125.00
Congress Co-op Bank	4,000.00	120.00
Southbridge Co-op Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Merrimack Co-op. Bank	2,000.00	60.00
First Fed. Savings & Loan	4,000.00	120.00
Minot Co-op. Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Lincoln Co-op Bank	2,000.00	70.00
Southbridge Credit Union	4,000.00	120.00
Southbridge Credit Union	4,062.10	121.80
Southbridge Credit Union	10,000.00	300.00
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	\$96,205.30	\$ 2,937.52

Cemetery Fund as of Jan. 1, 1956	\$95,745.30
Added to Fund 1956	460.00
Cemetery Fund Dec. 31, 1956	<u>\$96,205.30</u>

Trust Funds

Depository	Balance Jan. 1, 1956	Int. 1956	Balance Dec. 31, 1956
Mary Mynott Fund			
Southbridge Savings Bank ...	\$1,000.00	\$30.00	\$1,000.00
Boyer Fund			
Southbridge Savings Bank	501.56	15.16	516.72
Jesse J. Angell Fund			
Southbridge Savings Bank	1,669.36	50.45	1,719.81
Ella M. Cole Fund			
Attleboro Savings Bank	1,000.00	30 00	1,000.00
Cambridge Savings Bank	1,000.00	32.50	1,000.00
Charlestown 5-Cent Savings	1,000.00	30.00	1,000.00
Hannah Edwards Fund			
First National Bank of Boston, Trustee	5,000.00	185 00	5,000.00
Mabel Murphy Fund			
Southbridge Savings Bank	2,000.00	60.00	2,000.00
Adah Stedman Fund			
Southbridge Credit Union	1,000.00	30.00	1,000.00

Respectfully submitted,
NORBERT C. BENOIT,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1956. All appropriations voted since 1956 Tax Rate was fixed.

Tax Rate for 1956 was set as follows:

General Tax Rate	\$43.76
School Tax Rate	23.24
Total Tax Rate	<u>\$67 00</u>

Total appropriations as certified

by Town Clerk to be raised

by Taxation \$1,670,964.43

Total appropriations voted to be taken from available funds. In 1956 since Tax Rate was fixed	124,317.12	\$1,795,281.55
Deficits due to Flood of August 19, 1955 for the year 1955		\$ 157,954.39

STATE: Tax and Assessments:

	1956 Estimates	1955 Under- estimates	
State Parks and Reservations	\$ 2,279.60		
State Audit of Municipal Accounts ..	1,924.17		
State Examination of Retirement System	56.54		
	<u>\$ 4,260.31</u>		4,260.31

COUNTY: Tax and Assessment:

County Tax	\$55,959.31	\$	5,684.64	
Tuberculosis	34,437.62			
	<u>\$90,396.93</u>	\$	5,684.64	96,081.57
OVERLAY of current year				<u>22,004.42</u>

GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED \$2,075,582.24

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS & AVAILABLE FUNDS

Estimated receipts for the year 1955 \$ 723,391.56

OVERESTIMATES of previous year
to be used as available funds:

State Parks & Reservations \$ 364.48
County Tuberculosis Hospital 7,754.31

Amounts voted to be taken from

Available Funds:

\$ 7,443.00— 4/11/55 E. & D. & Misc.
7,200.90— 6/ 1/55 E. & D. & Misc.
140.00— 9/ 7/55 E. & D.
22,302.71—11/29/55 E. & D. & Misc.
9,236.69—12/27/55 E. & D. & Misc.
77,993.82— 3/12/56 E. & D. & Misc.

<u>\$124,317.12</u>	<u>124,317.12</u>
	\$ 132,435.91

TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS & AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$ 855,827.47
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NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON POLLS AND PROPERTY	\$1,219,754.77
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	Tax
Number of Polls, 5500 @ \$2.00 each ..	\$ 11,000.00

Total Valuation:

Personal Property	\$ 2,908,960.00	\$ 194,900.32
Real Estate	15,132,090.00	\$1,013,850.03

TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION ON PERSONAL AND REAL ESTATE	\$18,041,050.00	\$1,219,750.35
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Gain on account of fraction division of tax rate	4.42
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TOTAL TAXES LEVIED ON POLLS AND PROPERTY	\$1,219,754.77
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**ITEMS NOT ENTERING INTO
THE DETERMINATION OF
THE TAX RATE:**

Betterment and Special Assessments Added to Taxes:	
Sewer Assessment	\$ 357.86

TOTAL OF ALL OTHER COMMITMENTS	357.86
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TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALL TAXES ON POLLS AND PROPERTY AND AS- SESSMENTS COMMITTED TO THE TAX COLLECTOR TO DATE OF TAX RATE	\$1,220,112.63
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ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS:

November 15, 1956—	
Sewer Assessment	3,717.38
Warrant to Collector, November 15, 1956	3,717.38
October 2, 1956—	
Poll Tax Assessment	72.00
Warrant to Collector, October 2, 1956	72.00
March 19, 1956—	
Sewer Assessment	2,187.43

Warrant to Collector, March 19, 1956		2,187.43
May 15, 1956—		
Sewer Assessment	961.42	
Warrant to Collector, May 15, 1956		961.42
November 21, 1956—		
Sewer Assessment	479.47	
Warrant to Collector, November 21, 1956		479.47
December 20, 1956—		
Sewer Assessment	761.71	
Warrant to Collector, December 20, 1956		761.71
December 28, 1956—		
Poll Tax Assessment		
Warrant to Collector, December 28, 1956	8.00	8.00
November 8, 1956—		
Omitted Real Estate Assessment	29.48	
Warrant to Collector, November 8, 1956		29.48

TOTAL WARRANTS TO COLLECTOR ON POLLS, REAL ESTATE, SEWER, AND OMITTED ASSESSMENTS FOR 1956	\$1,228,329.52
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VALUATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

For 1956	\$2,277,940.00	
Tax on Motor Vehicles for 1956	105,592.49	
Warrant to Collector for 1956		\$ 105,592.49

TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION FOR 1956 INCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES	\$20,318,990.00
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TOTAL WARRANTS TO COLLECTOR FOR 1956	\$1,333,922.01
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VALUE OF EXEMPTED PROPERTY

Churches, Parsonages, Schools, Hospital and Cemeteries	\$2,108,350.00
Town Property	2,666,115.00
U. S. Post Office	108,000.00
U. S. Government Housing Project	8,150.00
Total Exempted Property	\$4,890,615.00

Total Number of Motor Vehicles Assessed	3,926
Total Number of Dwelling Houses	2,811

CHARLES NORMANDIN,
ROSARIO ARPIN,
ERNEST FARLAND,
Board of Assessors.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

I wish to submit the following report as Collector for Southbridge from January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956.

Excise Taxes: Levy of 1953

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1956		\$	47.90
Payments to Treasurer	\$	25.21	
Abated 1956		22.69	47.90

Excise Taxes: Levy of 1954

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1956		\$	897.74
Payments to Treasurer	\$	335.74	
Abated 1956		562.00	897.74

Excise Taxes: Levy of 1955

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1956	\$	8,817.00	
Committed in 1956		12,716.88	

Total to be Collected		\$	21,533.88
Payments to Treasurer	\$	19,086.62	
Abated		2,083.02	
Refunds		531.17	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1956		895.41	21,533.88

Excise Taxes: Levy of 1956

Committed		\$	105,233.49
Payments to Treasurer	\$	82,004.62	
Abated		4,318.57	
Refunds		910.23	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1956		19,820.53	105,233.49

Spec. Sewers

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1956	\$ 4,744.88	
Committed	8,107.41	\$ 12,852.29
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Payments to Treasurer	\$ 4,792.28	
Abated	5,497.81	
Apportioned	1,221.81	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1956	1,340.39	12,852.29
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Selectmen's Account

Committed		\$ 4,825.00
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 3,600.00	
Abated	50.00	
Refunds	25.00	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1956	1,200.00	4,825.00
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Board of Public Welfare

Old Age Assistance, Out. Jan. 1, 1956	\$ 223.62	
Committed	7,393.48	\$ 7,617.10
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Payments to Treasurer	\$ 2,736.41	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1956	4,880.79	7,617.10
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General Relief

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1956	\$ 3,396.66	
Committed	4,018.79	\$ 7,415.45
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Payments to Treasurer	\$ 7,242.13	
Abated	173.32	7,415.45
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Ambulance

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1956	\$ 1,146.50	
Committed	2,687.50	\$ 3,834.00
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Payments to Treasurer	\$ 2,482.50	
Abated	484.50	
Refunds	10.00	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1956	877.00	3,834.00
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School

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1956	\$ 446.54	
Committed	12,291.90	\$ 12,738.44
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Payments to Treasurer	\$ 10,779.56	
Abated	204.17	
Refunds35	
Outstanding	1,755.06	12,738.44

Health

Committed	\$ 782.13	
Payments to Treasurer	782.13	

Sewers added to Taxes	\$ 297.56	
Sewers paid in advance	385.16	

Payments to Treasurer		\$ 682.72
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Airport Rental

Committed	\$ 300.00	
Payments to Treasurer	300.00	

Highway

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1956	\$ 357.05	
Abated	357.05	

Taxes — Levy of 1954

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1956		\$ 2,203.28
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 1,848.18	
Abated	42.60	
Refunds	20.00	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1956	332.50	2,203.28

Taxes — Levy of 1955

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1956		\$ 37,049.80
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 35,565.77	
Tax Titles	17.70	
Abated	20,150.84	
Refunds	19,874.79	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1956	1,190.28	37,049.80

Taxes — Levy of 1956

Committed		\$1,219,778.25
Payments to Treasurer	\$1,152,801.88	
Abated	22,191.73	
Tax Titles	276.05	
Refunds	537.68	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1956	45,046.27	1,219,228.25

Interests, Costs and Fees

1953 Excise Fees and Interest .....	\$	.35
1954 Excise Fees and Interest		42.78
1955 Excise Fees and Interest		234.16
1956 Excise Fees and Interest		73.85
Levy of 1954 Fees and Interest		142.70
Levy of 1955 Fees and Interest		500.63
Levy of 1956 Fees and Interest		265.19
Spec. Sewers Fees and Interest		57.36
Sidewalk Discharges Fees		34.00
Sewer Discharges Fees		12.00
Municipal Liens Fees		10.00
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Total	\$	1,373.02

Grand Total Collected during 1956 \$1,326,438.67

I wish to thank the townspeople and various town officials for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
ELIZABETH M. DUHAMEL,
Town Collector.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The Board of Health met on March 7, 1956 and organized as follows: Dr. Raymond F. Haling, Chairman; Dr. Armand DeGrenier, Clerk, and Mr. Henry Demers, Publicity Chairman.

During the year twelve regular and four special meetings were held. The Board of Health is pleased to report that the general health of the community during the last twelve months has been satisfactory, the number of contagious cases reported was 182.

Five new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were discovered this year and nine patients received treatment in Sanatoria.

The details of the Polio Clinics will be found in the report of the Board of Health Nurse.

During the year various health meetings were attended by the Nurse, Board Members and the Agent.

We wish to thank all the citizens who have cooperated and assisted the department in any way.

Respectfully submitted,
RAYMOND F. HALING, M.D.
ARMAND DeGRENIER, D.M.D.
HENRY DEMERS, Ph.G.

REPORT OF ANIMAL INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health:

This is my report as animal inspector for the year ending December 31, 1956:

I quarantined 25 dogs.

I inspected 3 barns after spraying.

I took census of all animals in the town for the State and inspected all barns.

Checked ear tags on all cows transported and sold in Southbridge from out of State.

Respectfully submitted,
ALCIDE FOURNIER,
Animal Inspector.

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REPORT OF SLAUGHTERING INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health:

This is my report of slaughtering for the year ending December 31, 1956:

Cows	Hogs	Calves	Lambs	Goats
1	7	2	4	1

Respectfully submitted,
ALCIDE FOURNIER,
Slaughtering Inspector.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH PHYSICIAN

To the Southbridge Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report on the results of the annual inspection of elementary school children in parochial schools:

St. Mary's School

Physical Examinations — Defects Listed

GRADE II — 28 Pupils

Enlarged Tonsils	6
Teeth	1
Heart	1
Upper respiratory	1
Cerumen	1

GRADE IV — 29 Pupils		
Heart	2	
Teeth	3	
Enlarged tonsils	3	
GRADE VI — 20 Pupils		
Enlarged tonsils	3	
GRADE VIII — 23 Pupils		
Teeth-Braces	1	
Total Examined	100	
Notices sent to parents	8	
Total defects listed	22	

Notre Dame School

Physical Examinations — Defects Listed

GRADE II — 100 Pupils		
Enlarged tonsils	16	
Otitis Media	1	
Cervical glands	1	
Skin condition	1	
GRADE IV — 87 Pupils		
Enlarged tonsils	15	
Ear infection	1	
Teeth	6	
GRADE VI — 72 Pupils		
Enlarged tonsils	7	
Teeth	6	
GRADE VIII — 65 Pupils		
Skin conditions	6	
Enlarged tonsils	2	
Teeth	6	
Ear infection	1	
Total examined	323	
Defects listed	69	
Notices to parents	23	

Sacred Heart School

Physical Examinations — Defects Listed

GRADE II — 34 Pupils		
Enlarged tonsils	7	
Cerumen	2	
Conjunctivitis	2	
Skin condition	1	

GRADE IV — 39 Pupils

Chest Deformity (Congenital)	1
Enlarged tonsils	6
Teeth	5
Cerumen	1

GRADE VI — 27 Pupils

Enlarged tonsils	5
Teeth	4

GRADE VIII — 28 Pupils

Skin — Acne	2
Enlarged tonsils	1
Teeth	4

Total examined	128
Notices to parents	23
Defects listed	32

Respectfully submitted,
RAYMOND F. HALING,
Board of Health Physician.

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REPORT OF THE PODIATRIST

To the Board of Health Physician:

Dear Sir:

Herewith I submit my report on the examination of the feet of the Parochial School Children, for the year ending December 31, 1956:

Total number examined	537
Notre Dame	320
Sacred Heart	123
St. Mary's	94
Notices sent to parents	115

This is in addition to those whose feet were found to have defects in last year's examination and were rechecked this year.

Following is a classification of defects found in the examinations:

General and foot posture	7
Skin disorders	44
Nail disorders	25
Orthopedic conditions	111
Hygiene	27

Sincere thanks to the School authorities, personnel and to the Board of Health Nurse, Mrs. Jolicoeur, for their cooperation

and assistance. Also to the parents of the children for their interest in this program for better foot health.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT W. DeJORDY, D.S.C.

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To the Honorable Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Food Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1956:

This year, as usual, we carried on the customary routine inspections of bakeries, groceries and markets, as well as all eating and drinking establishments.

The conditions were mostly good, some establishments needed more attention than others and time was used up more in these places of business to try and bring them up to a better rating. All concerned were very cooperative.

Respectfully submitted,
ARTHUR O. BALLARD,
Food Inspector.

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To the Honorable Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Milk Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1956:

Number of Samples Collected	206
Tests for Butter Fats	206
No samples were below the legal standard of 3.35%.	
Tests for Solids — Samples Tested	206
No samples were below the legal standard.	
Tests for Acidity — Samples Tested	132
Thirty samples were in the process of souring due to improper cooling.	
Phosphatase Test — Samples Tested ..	111
All were found to be sufficiently pasteurized.	
Microscopic Bacteria Count	12
Mastitis Test (Microscopic Examinations of smears from suspected milk or cream cultures — Samples Examined	24
No samples were positive.	
Number of Store and Vehicle Milk and Cream Licenses Granted	96
Number of Oleomargarine Registrations Granted	50

Number of Pasteurization of Milk	3
Total Licenses and Registrations	149

Respectfully submitted,
ARTHUR O. BALLARD,
Inspector of Milk.

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REPORT OF PLUMBING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Plumbing Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1956:

During the year, the following fixtures and appliances were installed:

Water Closets	221
Lavatories	206
Bath Tubs	103
Kitchen Sinks	141
Laundry Trays	12
Sink and Tray Combinations	13
Shower Stalls	18
Urinals	13
Waste Food Grinders	7
Clothes Washing Machines	47
Tankless Water Heaters	79
Gas, Oil, Electric Water Heaters	170
Range Boilers	18
Slop Sinks	2
Air Conditioning Units	7
Indirect Refrigerator Drains	7
Soda Fountains	5
Beauty Parlor Units	3
New Water Piping Jobs	11
Dishwashing Machines	9
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Total number of Fixtures and Appliances	1,092
Number of Septic Tanks Installed	6
Number of Sewer Connections	12
Number of Permits Granted	417
Number of Inspections	1,023
Number of Water Tests	86
Number of Unfinished Jobs	8

Respectfully submitted,
ARTHUR O. BALLARD,
Inspector of Plumbing.

REPORT OF THE AGENT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Health:

Dear Sirs:

The clerical work for the year 1956 included the tabulation of all deaths, all reported contagious diseases, the issuance of all licenses, recording the minutes of all regular and special meetings and necessary correspondence.

Weekly reports of contagious diseases were forwarded to the State Department of Public Health in Boston and Rutland, Mass.

There were, in 1956, 199 deaths, the principal killer being Coronary Thrombosis.

List of contagious diseases reported to this office:

Chicken Pox	94
Dog Bite	25
Poliomyelitis	1
Mumps	3
Whooping Cough	1
Salmonellosis	1
Tuberculosis	7
Scarlet Fever	37
Septic Sore Throat	1
Measles	1
Meningitis	1
Typhoid Fever	1
Total	182

Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST TETREAULT,
Agent.

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REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health:

Dear Sirs:

I hereby submit my report as Sanitary Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1956:

I received, during the year, 37 complaints; all were investigated.

Permits and Licenses Issued:

Day School	2
Vapor Bath	1
Nursing Home	1

Slaughter House	1
Funeral Director	6
Anti-Freeze	37
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Total	48

Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST TETREAULT,
Sanitary Inspector.

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REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH NURSE

To the Board of Health:

Dear Sirs:

I hereby submit my report as Board of Health Nurse for the year ending December 31, 1956:

CLINICS

1. Dental:

The dental program was carried on for the benefit of the elementary school children in the first four grades and also for special cases in any other grade, for both public and parochial schools. Seventy-eight clinics were held. Six hundred and twelve reported. All had their teeth cleaned plus four hundred and fifty-one fillings.

2. Tuberculosis:

The State Department of Public Health sponsors T.B. clinics at the Worcester County Sanatorium at Boylston on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Ninety-five reported either for diagnostic x-rays or for follow-up purposes as X-sanatorium patients or contacts.

In addition this year, the Central Worcester District sent the X-ray Mobile Unit to Southbridge for the routine chest X-rays of all school personnel in town as well as for those from surrounding towns. Two-hundred and forty-eight were X-rayed.

3. Pre-School Registration:

The annual registration of pre-school children took place in March, in the Mary E. Wells High School. Two hundred and ninety-three were registered. Two clinics were held at the Town Hall for those who wished to have their physical examination performed by the school physicians.

4. Immunizations:

Eight clinics were held, four at Town Hall and one in each of the following schools: Notre Dame, Mary E. Wells, Sacred

Heart and Eastford Road, for the inoculation of pre-school and school children against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping-Cough. Five hundred and fifty-seven were inoculated. Ninety-nine receiving the series of three injections and four hundred and fifty-eight, a booster dose.

5. Poliomyelitis:

Salk Polio Vaccine was provided free of charge for pre-schoolers, school children and teen-agers to age nineteen, as well as for pregnant women. All those eligible and reporting received two doses. Vaccine was also provided to the physicians for those wishing to receive the vaccine from their own doctor.

Clinics were held at the Town Hall and in all the schools. Thirty-four clinics in all. 2616 first injections and 3045 second injections were given at Board of Health Clinics.

A physical examination was given to the pupils of the parochial schools by the Board of Health Physician. Grades 2, 4, 6 and 8 were examined, a total of six hundred and eight. As part of the health examination, pupils in grades two to eight were weighed and measured by school nurse.

A brief summary of other activities will suffice:

School Visits	205
Home Visits	66
Professional Office Visits	42
Pupils Interviewed	49
Conferences with Teachers	143
Conferences with Social Workers and State Supervisors	24
Children Weighed and Measured	979
Conferences with Parents	42
Polio Registration Clinics	4
Vision Screening via Mass. Vision Test	1426
Retests	163
Inspection of Nursery Schools (2)	Bi-annually
In-Service Program at St. Vincent's Hospital (Lectures on Poliomyelitis)	5
Crippled-Children's Clinic at Worc C. H.	1
Classes at Worcester State Teachers College (Principles and Practices of School Health)	12
Course on Public Health at Simmons College	3 weeks

At this time I wish to thank all the organizations and persons who helped to make our health program a success.

Respectfully submitted,
RACHEL JOLICOEUR, R.N.
Board of Health Nurse.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The planning Board submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1956.

Subdivisions:

Conditional approval was granted to Lebanon Building Co. to develop a plot of land off Lebanon Hill.

Zone Changes:

A zone change was approved on Worcester Street, Mechanic Street and Olney Avenue.

This Board would like to suggest that any new business be required to have off the street parking for its employees and customers.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD M. WALSH, Chairman,
JAMES J. FALLON,
LEON F. LIVERNOIS,
ROLAND S. PONTBRIAND,
WILLIAM B. O'SHAUGHNESSY,
Planning Board.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and the Citizens of Southbridge:

As Director of Veterans' Services I submit a brief report of the department's activities and services rendered for the year 1956.

Following the objectives of the department of past years, of prompt and efficient service, the year 1956 has disclosed an ever increasing demand for service as more and more veterans within the Town become acquainted with the work of this department, requesting action and solution to their many problems.

Throughout the year a conscientious effort was made to find the answers to the many questions asked. Whenever an answer was unknown, reference was made to the proper Federal or State Authorities.

Inquiries about education, on the job training, compensation, both service and non-service connected, insurance, loans, tax abatements, filing for state bonus, burial and hospitalization are handled by this department.

Of the 57 inquiries about hospitalization, 43 local veterans were admitted to Veterans Administration Hospitals and Holyoke Soldiers Home by arrangements with this department.

Deceased veterans for the year 1956 are as follows:

Spanish War	3
World War I	15
World War II	7
Korean War	2

A considerable amount of travel is necessary to aid veterans and their dependents and much paper work is involved in processing their claims against the Veterans Administration for pensions or compensations.

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Chapter 115, as amended by Chapter 584, Acts of 1946, continues to claim the most attention. Under this Chapter, the State agrees to reimburse the Town for one-half of all aid granted. It is of interest to note that more and more applicants for Veterans' Benefits, who originally left Southbridge to enter the service, have scattered to other communities to live, but continue to have military settlement in Southbridge, which necessitates traveling further distances to check eligibility of the applicant.

During the year 1956 a total of 68 applications for Veterans' Benefits were processed and at the present time there are 90 cases of active recipients of funds.

For a detailed report of expenditures and reimbursements of this department, please refer to the report of the Town Accountant.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all Town Departments, Veterans Organizations and their Auxiliaries, the Elks and the various persons who wish to remain anonymous.

As Director I have done the best I know how and trust I may continue to serve the veterans of the town.

Respectfully submitted,
ROLAND G. HETU,
Director.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The Board of Public Welfare met weekly at 7:30 P. M. The programs under the direction of the Board of Public Welfare are General Relief, Infirmary, Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and Disability Assistance.

General Relief:

There was an average of forty-nine cases aided per month at a cost of \$48,839.47. Receipts from State and refunds totalled \$4,108.54 making the net cost to the Town, \$44,730.93 for the year 1956.

Infirmary:

Expenditures for the Infirmary amounted to \$13,166.11. Receipts amounted to \$518.65, making the net cost to the Town, \$12,647.46.

Old Age Assistance:

There was an average of three hundred and seven cases aided per month at a total cost of \$254,392.26 for the year. Reimbursements from Federal Grants, the Commonwealth, Cities and Towns, and refunds totalled \$214,688.58 making the net cost to the Town \$39,703.68.

Aid to Dependent Children:

The sum of \$54,408.49 was expended for Aid to Dependent Children in 1956. The reimbursements from Federal Grants, the Commonwealth, and refunds from individuals amounted to \$42,388.59. The net cost to the Town was \$12,019.90 and we aided an average of 36 families per month during 1956.

Disability Assistance:

Twenty-two cases were aided during the year at a cost of \$22,850.51. Reimbursements from the Federal Grants, the Commonwealth, and refunds from individuals amounted to \$17,487.74. The net cost to the Town was \$5,362.77.

Respectfully submitted,
HERMAS, LIPPE, Chairman,
RAYMOND L. BOUCHER, Clerk,
JOHN M. BEAUDRY, Third Member,
LILIAN G. PROULX, Welfare Agent.

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF REVIEW FOR CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 9, Article 8, of the 1954 Town Warrant, the following is a report of the Advisory Board of Review for Classification and Compensation for the year 1956.

The Board January 1, 1956, consisted of Mario J. DeAngelis, Chairman, George W. Laughnane, Clerk, and Edgar A. Tremblay. In June, Mrs. Marie LaRiviere was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of George W. Laughnane. In December, due to the pressure of business, Mario DeAngelis resigned as Chairman, and was replaced by Edgar A. Tremblay. Mr. DeAngelis is now the third member of the Board.

Meetings were held regularly, each week, with the Selectmen, town officials, and department heads, on Classifications, sick leave, adjustments, and other problems.

In accordance with Article 19, of the March 1956 Annual Town Meeting, the Board of Review met with the Sewer Commissioners and the Engineer, for the firm of Hayden, Harding and Buchanan three times, to discuss the establishment of the Sewerage Treatment Plant Operation position. The Board recommended to the December 20, 1956 Town Meeting that this position be established as an S-8 Classification, with a salary range of \$3,700.00 to \$4,500.00.

From July through December this Board met twenty-four times with insurance representatives, Blue Cross, and other health insurance companies, Selectmen and town employees, in preparation for recommendation, that was made to the Town Meeting, Town Warrant of October 1, 1956, Article 14.

The new Contributory Group Life and Health Insurance, for the employees of the Town of Southbridge, was accepted, effective October 25, 1956. Blue Cross covers the health insurance, and the Boston Mutual, the Life and Accident Insurance.

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR A. TREMBLAY, Chairman,
MARIE E. LaRIVIERE, Clerk,
MARIO J. DeANGELIS, Third Member.

DEPT. OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The year 1956 has been a busy one for your Department of Civil Defense.

We have maintained regular office hours every Monday night and almost every Saturday morning and our volunteer workers have been most faithful in their attendance and work.

It being the consensus of our staff we concentrated in 1956 to set up as complete a communication unit as possible. You will recall that during the August 1955 disaster the lack of communication was our biggest single handicap. Thus it is a pleasure to report that in the communications room in our control center in the Town Hall, there are three transmitters and receivers; one that maintains direct contact with police, fire, highway and other Town departments; a unit that is tuned to the Sector Headquarters of MCDA and the other is our contact with all the R. A. C. E. S. operators throughout the area. In addition, we have four Gonset Communicators and four "walkie-talkies" which give us a mobile coverage that will handle most any situation. Also we have two transmitters and receivers with emergency generators so that sub-stations can be set up in the Flat and Globe sections and constant contact can be maintained at all times.

Emergency power being another major need, we have obtained two 12,000 watt generators; one to be a permanent installation at the Town Hall to enable our Control Center to stay in operation and supply sufficient power to the other Town Departments so that they could function. The other 12,000 watt and a 2400 watt have been mounted on a trailer, with the small generator being removable. This combination will allow us to quickly get this power to the place of greatest need.

Throughout the year we have conducted such training programs as possible and at present every Friday a group is being trained to operate the radio equipment.

Our Department's participation in Operation Alert was given an excellent rating by MCDA officials.

Staff officers have attended conferences and training sessions and have brought back reports and ideas that have enabled us to keep abreast of the problems and to pass on our information to the whole group.

We have not been able to completely staff every position three deep for 24-hour round the clock operation but we hope by Spring that this will have been accomplished.

Two special items we would like to report about are the 200 Bed Portable Hospital which will be stored in Harrington House through the courtesy of the Board of Trustees of Harrington Hospital. This \$50,000 unit will, if the need arises, operate as a separate unit to receive and give adequate care to the overflow cases from our existing hospital facilities. Five hundred dollars' worth of special radiological equipment will be available for our trained Radiological Officer who will in turn train some teams that will be ready for this work upon the occasion.

Our outstanding need is an adequately equipped Rescue Truck so that we may train six teams of 6 men each, in readiness for any emergency within our Town.

We must also complete the recruiting, training and equipping of our Warden Service so that we have complete Town coverage, street by street and block by block.

An inventory of equipment on hand December 31, 1956 shows that your Department of Civil Defense has a valuation of \$13,108.11.

Administrative Section	\$ 654.45
Communication Section	4,026.78
Engineering Section	2,767.00
Identification Section	234.49
Medical Section	3,951.00
Rescue Section	1,181.25
Welfare Section	293.14

The inventory does not include the 200 Bed Portable Hospital or the Radiological equipment, for while this was arranged for in December, delivery will be in January.

Our 1956 budget was \$6,365.00 and our expenditures were \$6,357.78.

I want to take this opportunity to extend my personal, and the official appreciation of the Department to all the FCDA and MCDA officials who were so helpful in the past year. Especially do I want to thank Harold Rossi, Director of Area 3 and his staff officer, our Sector Director of 3C, George Constantine, also all the members of the Board of Selectmen, our Town Accountant, Mr. Caron, our Town Engineer, Mr. Racicot, and our Town Treasurer, Mr. Benoit. Finally my most sincere thanks to all the members of my staff and all the 90 volunteer members of the Southbridge Civil Defense Department, who without any fanfare have put in a full year's work to try to prepare themselves to protect and help our Town and all its townspeople in any emergency.

Respectfully submitted,
 CHARLES R. McLAM,
 Director.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1956:

The wiring permits issued were as follows:

New Buildings	41
Remodeling and Additions to Already Erected Buildings	36
Additions to Old Wiring	212
New Services	93
Oil Burners	83
Electric Ranges	46
Electric Hot Water Heaters	26
Dryers and Washers	74
Air Conditioners	65
Disposals	55
Miscellaneous	106
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Total Permits Issued	837
Inspections While Work is in Progress	560
Recommendations to Change Wiring	76

Respectfully submitted,
ARTHUR J. ENO,
Inspector of Wires.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the report of the Department of Weights and Measures, for the year 1956.

The amount of fees collected for the Town through this department was \$388.30.

Scales	Not	
	Adjusted Sealed	Sealed
Over 10,000 lbs.		4
100 to 5,000 lbs.	1	84
Under 100 lbs.	3	171
Weights		371

Yard Sticks	12
Liquid Measures	35
Gas Meters	78
Vehicle Meters	25
Freezer	1
Cooler	1
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Weighing and Inspections

	Tested	Correct	Under	Over
Bread	336	310	8	18
Butter	160	160		
Confectionery	260	260		
Dry Commodities	125	125		
Flour	185	175	10	
Fruits & Vegetables	145	100	10	35
Lard	50	50		
Meats & Provisions	365	337	8	20
Potatoes	270	225	28	22
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	1896	1742	64	95

Other Inspections

Markings on Bread	336
Paper Cartons	5
Peddler's Licenses	12
Milk Jars	12
Oil Jars	30
Markings on Food Packages	729
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Respectfully submitted,
G. R. LARIVIERE,
Sealer.

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The following is our annual report on Recreation in the Town of Southbridge. The town recreation program is growing year by year, therefore this report is divided into four reports to achieve clarity. It is refreshing, at least, to see that the

example of the Town's Recreation Committee is beginning to inspire private groups to provide recreational activities in their areas. Community Chest Funds are available to these groups and we hope such activity will be expanded.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK P. SKINYON,
General Chairman.
ARMAND BELLERIVE,
Co-Chairman.

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REPORT OF THE HENRY STREET FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE

To the Chairman of the Recreation Committee:

Henry Street Field was used this past spring and summer by three Soft-Ball Leagues: Community League, Industrial League and the American Optical Softball League from early in the summer until late fall.

The attendance at the games varied from fifty to two hundred fans per game.

This field is being developed into an important recreation center for the town. The field is a combination Athletic Field and Playground. Highly spirited softball games are the competitive sports and on the playground phase we have twelve swings for small children, volley ball, basketball boards, sand boxes, four ping-pong tables, zelball, quoits and horseshoe courts. All of these activities are laid out and built with the thought of the not too competitive child activities in mind.

The field is under supervision from early evening until dark every day from early summer until late fall.

Respectfully submitted,
LOUIS BRUNELLE, Chairman,
Henry Street Field.

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REPORT OF ALUMNI FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE

To the Chairman of the Recreation Committee:

This year Alumni Field was put into excellent condition early in the season and was in full swing throughout the summer. The field was used for the school program of physical education every day school was in session from early spring until closing time in June. The two public high schools used the field for baseball practice and for games, as did Notre Dame High. The Parochial Grammar School League used the field for both practice and games throughout their schedule. The public grade schools practiced and played their games here. The grade schools used the field for their football practice and

games. A new softball area was used at the field throughout the summer by the Community Softball League, the Industrial Softball League and some independent teams.

The infield was repaired extensively and a masterful job done on the new softball area, the ugly banking beyond center field is now quite good looking. A new cyclone fence has been put up separating the field from town property and all equipment, apparatus, dugouts and housing was repainted during the past summer.

Respectfully submitted,
LORENZO BEAUPRE, Chairman,
Alumni Field Sub-Committee.

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REPORT OF DRESSER STREET FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE

To the Chairman of the Recreation Committee:

A definition of Town Recreation is as follows: "To provide areas and facilities for all those who wish to participate in sports and all other forms of recreation." With this in mind, the Dresser Street Field Recreation Committee each year has tried to initiate new ideas to entice more youngsters to engage in these activities. We believe a youngster doing something he likes, will have no time to do something he should not do.

Dresser Street Field is open with a supervisor on the premises from 8:00 A. M. to darkness every day from March 1st to the end of November.

Baseball starts on March 1st with the following organized leagues using the three diamonds.

- Minor League
- Little League
- Babe Ruth League
- Mary E. Wells Varsity
- Mary E. Wells Junior Varsity
- Cole Trade High School
- Notre Dame School
- Elementary Schools
- Parochials Schools

During August a "Jimmy Fund" was played. Participating teams were WESO vs. Town Police and Fire Departments with a tremendous crowd supporting a worthy cause.

At the conclusion of school in June, organized basketball started, ending in a playoff series in the latter part of September. These games are played under the lights in the evenings.

The cinder track was repaired with new cinders during the Summer and Cole Trade Cross-Country team made use of it in the Fall. Tantasqua Regional High School track team asked for the use of the track and this request was granted.

In September an annual event was inaugurated. It was the Junior Olympic Games, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. This event was fashioned after the World Olympic Games that were held in Australia. Prizes were awarded to all winning participants. We, at Dresser Field, look forward to the 1957 Junior Olympic Games.

A Tennis Clinic for beginners was organized during the Summer with instructions given on Saturday mornings. Twenty-five enthusiastic youngsters signed up for this course and we hope next year to double this number and create greater interest in this healthful sport.

A new 60-foot cement shuffle board was put in operation in the Spring and the demand for the use of it was instantaneous. It was in use from morning to night. We installed flood lights so that this game could be played at night. We anticipate building another court this year to allow more children to participate in this entertaining sport.

Another activity that was well attended were movies for the children. They were run one night each week for eight weeks during the Summer months. Each evening between 100 to 150 children attended the showing of educational, sports and comedy films.

On Wednesdays under the lights on the basketball court, we sponsored Rock and Roll dances for teen-agers under strict supervision of members of the Dresser Field Committee and Police Department. 300 to 400 attended these dances each week.

Two Zell-Ball games were installed on our playground area and this game was accepted so favorably that we intend to set up two more this year.

In the Fall, football took over with the Mary E. Wells team playing 5 games on the gridiron.

The Boy Scouts of this area made use of Dresser Field for a cook-out in September.

The Aero Prop Spinners Association, consisting of boys interested in model planes, was granted the use of the field during the Summer.

Other activities during the year were: Band Concerts, Ping Pong, Volley Ball and Horseshoes.

New construction at the field during the year was as follows: Protective metal screens around all windows in the Club Houses, eavestroughs and underground pipes installed for drainage in the big grandstand with Type I floor being installed in anticipation of enclosing under the grandstand area this year. New flood lights installed over the Shuffle Board.

Respectfully submitted,
LOUIS VanDERNOOT, Chairman
Dresser Street Field.

SWIMMING POOL REPORT

Attendance:

From June 29 to September 1, a total of 16,000 persons used the pool's facilities; 100, June; 10,000, July; 5,800, August; 200, September. Average daily attendance—246.

Rescues:

Fourteen children, suffering in varying degrees from cramps, exhaustion and panic were helped to shore by the lifeguards during the swimming season. Many of these cases could have been much more serious had it not been for the efficient supervision of the lifeguard staff.

Instruction:

The Red Cross Swimming Program, under the direction of Mr. Louis Salce, continued its fine work started a few years ago. Over 150 children were given instructions in swimming and lifesaving during the regular morning classes. As remarked in last year's report, such formal programs, together with the daily informal instruction given by members of the staff, will do much to develop stronger and more skillful swimmers in Southbridge.

Health & Safety:

A continuous flow of city water and chlorination provided the chief safeguards against bacterial growth during the swimming season. These are perhaps the most efficient means of control we have under present conditions.

The purchase of a new portable resuscitator in 1956 is another means of safety added to the swimming pool.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you and your committee for the splendid cooperation we received from you during the swimming season. It is a pleasure to work with men who show unselfish devotion to the cause of recreation in our town.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD DESROCHES,
Swimming Pool Supervisor.

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report of the expenditures of the Highway Department for the year ended December 31, 1956.

ADMINISTRATION

Salary of Street Superintendent \$ 4,500.00

\$ 4,500.00

LABOR

Payroll \$41,413.02

41,413.02

OTHER EXPENSES

Telephone	\$ 292.95
Mobile Radio	180.00
Lights and Power	205.72
Water	104.47
Office Supplies	145.38
Bituminous Patch	3,466.52
New Tools	685.65
Tools Sharpened and Repaired	31.58
Fuel and Range Oil	535.58
Sweeper Brooms	606.86
Miscellaneous Supplies	1,252.17
Concrete	168.08
Repairs to Sand Storage Unit	514.68
Crushed Stone	17.88
Repairs to Buildings	115.87
Masons	98.80
Rental of Front End Loader	364.50
Truck Hire	318.00
12" Metal Culvert	93.84
Lawn Mower Repairs	18.45
Tile Pipe	4.33
Rental of Power Shovel	225.73
18" R. C. Pipe	55.15
Lumber	148.02
Sand and Gravel	349.25

9,999.46

OIL AND SAND FOR ROADS

MC-2 Asphalt	\$ 5,882.60
MC-3 Asphalt	456.58

Sand	1,668.00
Truck Hire	128.25
Rental of Power Shovel	768.00
Transferred to Gravel Bank Account	1,000.00

9,903.43

ROAD MACHINERY MAINTENANCE

1955 Chevrolet Suburban	\$ 122.61
1953 Dodge Dump Truck	23.18
1949 International Dump Truck	390.03
1954 Dodge Chassis	30.52
Elgin Educator mounted on 1954 Dodge	27.99
1950 Ford Dump Truck	221.19
1955 International Chassis	174.84
Refuse Body mounted on 1955 International	2.10
1951 Dodge Dump Truck	471.90
1952 Ford Chassis	268.26
Model "E" Box Sander mounted on 1952 Ford	296.07
1946 Chevrolet Chassis	6.88
Schramm 105' Compressor mounted on 1946 Chevrolet	37.93
1946 International Dump Truck	268.76
1940 Austin-Western Grader	115.44
1949 Austin-Western Grader (Diesel)	771.32
1951 Elgin Model 81 Sweeper	787.10
1942 Nelson Snow Loader Model KR-5 ..	100.47
1947 Nelson Snow Loader Model R-10	91.20
1937 Buffalo-Springfield 12-Ton Roller ..	5.60
1947 C. H. & E. Tandem Roller	16.84
1954 Oliver Tractor with Front End Loader	408.08
Homemade Trailer 6000 lbs. Capacity Model "DD" Sanders	74.30
Gasoline	5,581.46
Motor Oil and Grease	194.92
1957 Registration Plates	54.00
Tires and Tubes	2,414.69
Diesel Fuel	201.03
Tools	122.41
Booster Battery	14.80
Brake Fluid	10.80
Hydraulic Oil	48.46
Oxygen and Acetylene	133.62
Miscellaneous Parts	40.82
Rex Mixer Parts	30.61
1956 GMC Truck	54.90

Jet Queen Sander	13.68
Lombard Chain Saw	3.00
Lawn Mower	7.06

13,637.94

ROAD MACHINERY NEW EQUIPMENT

1956 GMC Truck Chassis	\$ 3,870.00
Jet Queen Box Sander	2,256.86

6,126.86

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Eastford Road	\$ 1,406.69
Worcester Street	150.00
Dresser Hill Road	567.07
Dudley Road	75.00
East Main Street	100.00
Hamilton Street	125.00
North Woodstock Road	576.24
Old North Woodstock Road	200.00
River Road	200.00
Brickyard Road	50.00
Mechanic Street	150.00

3,600.00

SIDEWALK REPAIRS

Concrete 1-2-3 Mix	\$ 1,139.75
Cement	168.00
Lumber	1.71
Gravel	61.07
Masons	628.50

1,999.03

TOWN DUMP

Salary of Caretaker	\$ 2,700.00
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2,700.00

RODENT CONTROL

American Exterminating Company	\$ 900.00
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900.00

RUBBISH COLLECTION

Labor — 8 Monthly Collections \$ 5,254.15

5,254.15

SNOW AND ICE

Labor	\$11,496.11
Truck Hire	9,403.50
Sand	1,874.40
Rock Salt	3,060.41
Fuel	208.00
Plow Parts	225.82
Meals	251.02
Plow and Sand Crops Road	130.00
Gasoline	992.74
Dynamite and Blasting Caps	34.00
Loader Rental	2,934.50
Chains	203.10
Anti Freeze	66.48
Plow Cutting Edges	843.86
Shovel Rental	192.00

31,915.94

PLEASANT STREET DRAIN

Rental of Crane	\$ 28.00
72" R. C. Pipe	1,113.92
Rental of Shovel	400.00
Hough Loader Rental	261.00
Mason Building Retaining Walls	113.00
Bituminous Patch	79.50

1,995.42

CHESTNUT STREET RECONSTRUCTION

Labor	\$ 107.36
Mason	84.00
Cement	9.60
Lead	6.40

207.36

RECONSTRUCTION OF VIOLET AVENUE

Labor	\$ 352.35
Rental of Shovel Dozer	605.00
Truck Hire	466.50
MC-2 Asphalt	245.73
MC-3 Asphalt	343.24

Lumber	7.00
Bituminous Patch	86.03

2,105.85

STORM DRAIN OFF HARTWELL STREET

Labor	\$ 390.00
18" R. C. Pipe	592.70
"D" Frames and Grates	130.50
Rental of Power Shovel	335.00
Mason Building Catch Basin and Manholes	82.75
Bituminous Patch	26.00

1,556.95

FOREST AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION

Labor	\$ 37.12
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37.12

FOSTER STREET PARKING LOT REPAIRS

Labor	\$ 226.80
Material and Supplies	18.45

245.25

BROOK ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Labor	\$ 1,088.06
Truck Hire	204.75
Rental of Shovel Dozer	474.00
Type I	121.83
Lumber	2.35
Masons Building Stone Wall	60.00
Masons Building Curbing	36.00
Sand and Gravel	12.54

1,999.53

WILLIAM E. EARLS PROPERTY ON CHAPIN STREET

Labor	\$ 79.97
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79.97

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH E. BENOIT,
Street Superintendent.

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

In accordance with the law and custom, I submit the following report of the year ending December 31, 1956, giving names of members of the Fire Department, values of properties under my supervision, number of fires we responded to, values of properties where loss occurred, dates and locations of fires.

We responded to 20 Bell Alarms. 272 Still Alarms.

Total Alarms for the year	292
333 Hydrants at \$65.00 each per year	\$ 22,100.00
Value of Buildings	1,216,500.00
Loss on Buildings	21,000.27
Insurance on Buildings	997,766.00
Insurance paid on buildings	20,750.27
Value of Contents	625,900.00
Loss on Contents	11,849.38
Insurance on Contents	462,500.00
Insurance paid on Contents	10,479.38

Inventory of the Fire Department

Fire Station	\$ 75,000.00
Fire Apparatus	60,000.00
Fire Department Supplies	8,000.00
Gamewell Fire Alarm System	60,000.00

ROSTER OF THE SOUTHBRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief

Oswald Meunier

Deputy Chief

Daniel Daniels

Permanent Firemen

Captain Emile Caouette	Adrien Pouliot
Captain Ovila Donais	Edward McNally
Harry Gendron	Rodolphe Arpin
Ernest Collette	Romeo Mathieu
Alva Gregoire	Napoleon White
Arthur Marand	Roland LaRochelle
Edward Boucher	Alfred Langevin
Victor Caouette	William Berry
Biagio Puccilli	Armand Dumas
Jean St. Amant	Lionel Bachand

Call Men Hose Co. No. 1

Captain Hermas Lippe	Paul LaRochelle
Lieut. Leopold Langlois	Lennie Rutanen
Edgar Tremblay	Clarence Blais
Henry Santelli	Thomas Mannis
Walter Earnest	Wilfred Forcier

Call Men Hose Co. No. 2

Captain Eugene Gaumond	Armand Gibeault
Lieut. Alexander Daigle	George Plouffe
Ferdinand Szczypien	Archie Matte
Roy Proulx	Roger Favreau
Aime Ravenelle	Melvin Williams

Call Men Aerial No. 1

Captain Arthur Caplette	Louis Ciprari
Lieut. Armand Durocher	Francis Healy
Raoul Plouffe	Anthony DePietro
Angelo Monaco	Clifford Shaw
Raymond Dartt	Donald Salisbury
Laurent McDonald	

Supt. of Fire Alarm

Normand LaRochelle

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Permits

Transporting Gasoline	4
High Explosives	89
Range Oil Burners	21
Power Burners	121
Open Air Permits	370
Removal of Gasoline Tanks	2
Decorations	23
Bottled Gas Permits	5
Burning Paint Off Buildings	5

Inspections

Stores	397
Hotels and Boarding Houses	79
Tenement Houses	2100
Range Oil Burners	21
Power Oil Burners	121
Clubs and Cafes	146
Locked Out	6
Complaints	230

In closing my report for last year, I wish to thank the Citizens for their co-operation, and members of the Department for their loyalty to their work.

In conclusion, the Chief, Oswald Meunier, on behalf of the members of the Fire Department wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen and other Town Officials for their courtesy and consideration of the Department.

OSWALD MEUNIER,
Chief of the Fire Department

For the Fire Department,
EDWARD BOUCHER (Clerk)

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Jan. 1—Still alarm at 3:58 P. M. Tool and Die Shop at 14 Curtis St., owned by Southbridge Tool and Die Co. Caused by overheated furnace and chimney and defective cut-off. Insured.

Feb. 21—Still alarm at 8:30 P. M. Dwelling at 480 Hamilton St. owned by Zenon LaLiberte. Caused by defective stove pipe. Insured.

March 25—Box 49 at 9:30 A. M. Log Cabin on Worcester St., owned by Henry Dupaul. Caused by overheated fire place. Insured.

March 28—Still alarm at 2:50 P. M. Dwelling at 294 Lebanon Hill, owned by Joseph Plante. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.

April 16—Box 35 at 12:49 A. M. Paint Store at 44 Hamilton St., owned by W. H. Legate. Caused by retarded ignition on power oil burner. Insured.

May 9—Box 54 at 11:18 A. M. Dwelling at 230 Eastford Rd., owned by Patsy Buccilli. Caused by defective wiring. Insured.

May 15—Still alarm at 12:25 P. M. Dwelling at 767 Lebanon Hill Rd., owned by George Anderson. Caused by empty can of insect spray thrown in fireplace. Insured.

May 25—Still alarm at 5:20 P. M. Storage shed on River St., owned by Russell-Harrington Cutlery Co. Caused by sparks from dump. Insured.

June 1—Box 424 at 9:02 P. M. Barn on Blackmoore Rd., owned by Arthur Beaumier. Caused by bolt of lightning. Insured.

June 2—Still alarm at 3:23 P. M. Dwelling on Blackmoore Rd., owned by Mrs. Theresa Walek. Caused by defective wiring. Not insured.

- June 24**—Box 34 at 11:32 A. M. Store at 291 Main St., owned by Martin Krakowski. Caused by carelessly discarded cigarette. Insured.
- June 28**—Still alarm at 12:55 P. M. Dwelling at 123 Central St., owned by Claire Senecal. Caused by sparks from incinerator. Insured.
- July 6**—Still alarm at 8:25 P. M. Dwelling at 60 Union St., owned by Mrs. Alice Berthiaume. Caused by overheated electric plate. Insured.
- Aug. 23**—Box 26 at 3:58 P. M. Dwelling at 679½ Main St., owned by Alex. Langevin. Caused by children playing with matches. Insured.
- Sept. 19**—Box 35 at 7:59 P. M. Store at 33 Hamilton St., owned by Ralph Robbins. Caused by carelessly discarded cigarette. Insured.
- Oct. 1**—Box 23 at 5:15 P. M. Barn on Litchfield Ave., owned by Mrs. Stephanie Rossman. Caused by spontaneous combustion. Insured.
- Oct. 9**—Still alarm at 6:25 P. M. Storage shed on Fiske St., owned by Weld and Beck Grain Co. Caused by children playing with matches. Insured.
- Oct. 15**—Still alarm at 2:15 A. M. Rooming House at 286 Main St., owned by Masonic Building Ass'n, Southbridge. Caused by smoking in bed. Insured.
- Oct. 15**—Still alarm at 4:30 P. M. Dwelling at 74 Paige Hill, owned by Donald Clapperton. Caused by short circuit in Television set. Insured.
- Oct. 16**—Still alarm at 7:10 P. M. Foundry at 270 Worcester St., owned by Southbridge Foundry Co. Caused by sparks from chimney stack. Insured.
- Oct. 29**—Box 432 at 4:20 P. M. Barn on Torrey Rd., owned by Rosario Bellerose. Caused by children playing with matches. Insured.
- Nov. 13**—Box 26 at 1:23 A. M. Shed and Garage at rear 94 Cross St., owned by O'Neil Asselin. Cause unknown. Insured.
- Nov. 18**—Box 26 at 1:23 A. M. Dwelling at 102 Cross St., owned by Osa Hetu. Caused by fire in Asselin's Garage. Insured.
- Nov. 21**—Still alarm at 10:30 P. M. Dwelling at 43 Goddard St., owned by Alphonse Allard. Caused by defective oil burner. Insured.
- Nov. 22**—Box 129 at 3:15 P. M. Garage at 609 Main St., owned by Joseph Giguere. Caused by children playing with matches. Insured.

Dec. 6—Still alarm at 6:55 P. M. Dwelling at 27 Maple Terrace, owned by Ernest Brodeur. Caused by overheated chimney. Insured.

Dec. 15—Still alarm at 2:00 P. M. Dwelling at 15 Warren St., owned by Steve Karcasinas. Caused by defective wiring. Insured.

Dec. 15—Box 21 at 3:08 P. M. Dwelling at 39 Hudson Ave., owned by Elzear Langevin. Cause unknown. Insured.

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FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Forest Fire Department answered 45 alarms for forest fires in 1956.

Forest Fire Warden's Salary \$200.00

There were 370 permits for fires in the open.

I wish at this time to thank the people for their good will and again ask their co-operation with this Department to prevent fires in this vicinity.

Inventory of the Forest Fire Department

3	Forest Fire Pumps	\$1,500.00
5100	Feet of 1½" Hose	2,400.00
4100	Ft. of 1½" Hose	4,510.00
4	1½" Shut-Off Nozzles	125.00
6	1" Shut-Off Nozzles	120.00
7	1½" Shut-Off Nozzles	245.00
8	Open End Nozzles	54.00
1	½-Ton Ford Truck	500.00
15	Soda and Acid Fire Extinguishers	150.00
13	Indian Pumps	163.00
4	2½ Gal. Hand Pumps	60.00
6	Ten-Quart Pails	15.00
16	Brooms	16.00
5	Shovels	5.00
12	Reducers	60.00

OSWALD MEUNIER,
Forest Fire Department Warden.

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens

Daniel Daniels	Emile Caouette
Albert Servant	Joseph Mandeville
Romeo Lippe	Ovila Donais
Harry Michaels	Rosario Bellerose

REPORT OF THE AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

In rendering my report for the past year, I wish to state that there was an appropriation of \$1,780.55 for this department.

During the past year the Ambulances made the following trips.

Southbridge	327
Charlton	63
Worcester	58
Sturbridge	52
Jamaica Plains	14
Brookfield	10
Boston	9
Fiskdale	8
Grafton	8
Brimfield	6
Holland	5
Holyoke	5
East Brimfield	3
Ware	3
Wales	3
West Roxbury	2
North Woodstock, Conn.	2
Dodge	2
Framingham	1
Webster	1
Springfield	1
Dudley	1
Wrentham, Mass.	1
Oxford	1
Dayville, Conn.	1
Upton, Mass.	1
Woodstock, Conn.	1
Nashua, N. H.	1
Barre, Mass.	1
Southwick, Mass.	1
Brattleboro, Vt.	1
Quinebaug, Conn.	1
West Boylston	1
Norfolk, Mass.	1

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Inventory of the Ambulance Department

1	Cadillac Ambulance	\$1,500.00
1	Packard Ambulance	2,500.00
2	Spare Tires	35.00

2	Folding Stretchers	60.00
1	Orthopatic Stretcher	60.00
2	First Aid Kits	10.00
2	Flame Proof Blankets	90.00
3	Pillows	7.50
19	Pillow Cases	8.50
15	Sheets	15.00
24	Blankets	96.00

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF JACOB EDWARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

TRUSTEES FOR THE EDWARDS BEQUEST

W. Wesley Crawford
Ellsworth D. Mitchell

Jacob K. Edwards
John O. Martin

FOR THE TOWN

Oswald J. Laliberte
Dr. Nerio W. Pioppi, Chairman

Edward P. Sheehan

LIBRARY HOURS

Open 1957:

Monday - Friday	10:00 a. m. - 9:00 p. m.
Saturday	10:00 a. m. - 6:00 p. m.

Closed 1957:

January 1	New Year's Day
February 22	Washington's Birthday
May 30	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 2	Labor Day
October 12	Columbus Day
November 11	Veterans' Day
November 28	Thanksgiving Day
December 25	Christmas Day

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

1956 is the year of the new Children's Room. A gift of the Trust Fund to the town, work was started August 13 after many months of planning. Two solid brick walls were removed in the basement, making one large room from three gloomy ones. Dark woodwork was bleached, a new floor laid, new ceilings, lights and a separate heating system installed, and

the handsome creamy brick walls scrubbed. Plans had been made for a grand opening during Book Week in November, but unfortunately furnishings were delayed which postponed the opening to 1957. The room had been urgently needed for several years, and the Board of Trustees is to be commended for their foresight in providing it.

Other additions made during the year include an outside book deposit which permits the return of books when the library is closed. Also a twenty-gallon tank stocked with tropical fish was provided by Mrs. Laurent Jarry and Mrs. Robert Clemence. Other patrons have contributed fish to it as well. A large inflatable plastic globe of the world was added to the Children's Side.

We were pleased to be selected as one of the 1600 libraries from 33,000 applications to be awarded a set of THE GREAT BOOKS OF THE WESTERN WORLD in January. This 54-volume set, priced at \$249.00, was given to us along with the printed catalog cards by the Old Dominion Foundation. The material within these volumes has greatly enriched the resources of this library.

The library also became a member of the Massachusetts Film Cooperative which will make even more films available to us. Adult evening movies were discontinued at the end of the year as attendance was not sufficient. In its place afternoon movies will be held for children. The subjects will concern folk stories, nature, geography, etc.

The Children's Art Class is a new addition to our activities. Mrs. Edward Quinn, a former elementary teacher, is in charge and contributes her time. Planned for children from four to ten, it is designed to correlate art materials with books and music to achieve a free expression of ideas. This meets weekly on Saturday mornings.

We also had a show of paintings by the Southbridge Community Art Guild. This was arranged in the downstairs corridor along with books on art which circulated freely. We hope this will become an annual affair.

The Summer Reading Club enrolled 135 members of which about 50 were in regular attendance at the weekly meetings. Mrs. Mary Hazelton, Children's Librarian, was in charge, assisted by Catherine Beebe and Sylvia Gregoire. Using a western theme, the children heard stories and records, played games in the yard and were encouraged to read and report on at least sixteen books. At the final meeting, seven prize books were supplied by Doubleday Company, publishers, and were selected from catalogs by the winners.

Book Week in November was something of an anti-climax as we had expected to open our new Children's Room, but other arrangements were hurriedly substituted. Afternoon movies were shown, story hours were held at elementary schools and

a special program of stories was given at the library. This was conducted by Mr. Harry Schuman of the Thames Book Company who awarded fifteen prize books during a quiz contest. Posters were distributed to all the schools.

A Fine Free Day was held in April. One-third of the seriously delinquent books were returned including ones due since 1948 and 1950.

The Senior Girl Scouts provided a great deal of excellent volunteer help during the year. Several Girl Scout and Brownie Troops visited the library for instruction or to work on badges.

The librarian and members of the staff attended several library meetings within the state. The librarian also gave book talks to The University of Life, Girl Scout Council, West Street PTA, and several church groups. Station WESO invited the Children's Librarian to speak on the summer reading program and the librarian to talk during United Nations Week on Esther Costa's "Over the Back Fence." Library instruction was given to seven high school English classes followed by assignments involving the use of library tools. Each of the high school teachers also received a letter outlining materials in the library relevant to her classes and for personal use.

Plans for 1957 include opening the new Children's Room and expanding the work with both elementary and high school students, creating a special area for art and music materials as interest in this has been decidedly indicated; and contacting the business and professional people in Southbridge to inform them of the variety of sources in the library that would be helpful to them.

Special thanks are offered to those who have aided us in our public relations. The Southbridge Evening News, Station WESO and the Audio Visual Department of the Southbridge Public Schools have been generous to the library.

The wholehearted support of the progressive Board of Trustees and the staff as well as the fine response from the people of Southbridge are deeply appreciated by the librarian.

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF CIRCULATION

	1955	1956
Adult		
General Works	189	188
Philosophy	609	746
Religion	794	701
Sociology	1,313	1,531
Language	184	211
Science	878	1,015
Useful Arts	2,383	2,616
Fine Arts	1,753	2,274
Literature	1,858	1,792

History	1,036	1,287
Travel	1,468	1,580
Biography	3,003	2,642
Total Adult Non-Fiction	15,473	16,585
Current Periodicals	2,834	2,802
Pamphlets	447	294
Foreign Books	268	182
Records	200	410
Pictures	541	55
Fiction	27,649	27,976
Total Adult Circulation	46,671	48,304
Juvenile		
General Works		402
Philosophy		5
Religion		317
Social Sciences		1,131
Language		65
Science		1,265
Useful Arts		1,115
Fine Arts		891
Literature		717
History		772
Travel		784
Biography		2,697
Total Juvenile Non-Fiction		10,161
Current Periodicals		729
Pamphlets		128
Records		59
Pictures		246
Fiction—J		14,065
Fiction—JJ		12,297
Total Juvenile Circulation	37,205	37,685
GRAND TOTAL	84,617	85,989

STATISTICAL RECORD

Date of founding	1871
Population served	18,000
Days open during year	304
Hours open each week	63
Number of volumes January 1, 1956	38,355

Number of volumes added	1,762
New—1,693	
Replaced—69	
(including books by gift and transfer from rental)	
Number of volumes discarded and lost	1,282
Number of volumes December 31, 1956	38,835
Number of registered borrowers	4,916
Number of volumes lent for home use	85,989
Largest circulation for one day	529
Smallest circulation for one day	115
Average circulation per day	290

LIBRARY STAFF

Librarian	Mary Anna Tien
Reference Librarian	Hilda Heather
Children's Librarian	Mary Hazelton
Bookkeeper and General Assistant	Gladys Hobson
Janitor	Joseph Lataille

PART TIME STAFF

Jean Anderson	Joanne Houle
Christina Bent	Viola Michael
Catherine Beebe	Gloria Proulx
Marjorie Bliss	Helen Rowley
Judith Cutler	Loretta Spiro
Sylvia Gregoire	Judith Wood

Respectfully submitted,
MARY ANNA TIEN.

1956 RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Cash balance, January 1, 1956 \$ 2,102.57

Receipts:

Town Appropriation—Regular	\$19,891.00	
Town Appropriation—Special	1,000.00	
Mynott Fund Interest	30.00	
Trustees of Edwards Trust Funds	7,790.00	
Rental of Records	28.00	
Savings Bank Pass-Book Loan	7,600.00	
Sale of Books	16.34	
Pilsudski Fund	6.34	36,361.68
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		\$38,464.25

Expenditures:

Payroll	\$18,890.71
Building Expenses	2,645.81
Remodeling—Children's Room	9,580.42

Operating Expenses	704.22	
Building Maintenance	679.97	
Grounds Maintenance	358.86	
Books and Periodicals	3,832.72	
Book Repairs	90.43	
Films and Records	320.45	
Equipment	265.80	\$37,369.39
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Cash Balance, December 31, 1956		\$ 1,094.86

Represented by:

Trustees Cash	\$ 1,062.87
Mynott Fund Interest	31.99
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	\$ 1,094.86

**RESERVE FOR BUILDING REPAIRS
AND IMPROVEMENTS**

Balance—January 1, 1956	\$15,807.92
Add:	
Interest received	439.72
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Balance, December 31, 1956, on deposit at Southbridge Savings Bank	\$16,247.64*
* On November 14, 1956 \$7,600.00 was borrowed on a pass-book loan due January 2, 1957.	

PILSUDSKI BOOK CLUB FUND

Balance—January 1, 1956	\$ 215.20
Add:	
Interest received	6.41
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Total	\$ 221.61
Deduct:	
Transferred to Operating Account to cover cost of books purchased	6.34
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Balance—December 31, 1956	\$ 215.27

The following tabulation indicates the proportion of the cost of the library borne by the taxpayers of the Town of Southbridge:

	1956 Budget	%	1956 Expenditures	%	1957 Budget	%
Expenses paid by the Town:						
Appropriation—Regular	\$19,891.00		\$19,891.00		\$21,737.00	
Appropriation—Special	1,000.00		2,000.00		1,000.00	
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	\$20,891.00	75.9	\$21,891.00	58.6	\$22,737.00	76.8
Expenses paid by Trust Funds:						
Edwards Trust	6,650.00	24.1	15,452.71		6,860.00	23.2
Mynott Fund			19.34	41.4		
			6.34			
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	\$27,541.00	100.0	\$37,369.39	100.00	\$29,597.00	100.00

If the amount collected by the library and turned in to the Town Treasurer, \$1,389.51, is taken into consideration, the net cost to the taxpayers for 1956 is \$20,501.49 or 54.9% of the total cost for the year.

Attention is called to the estimated contribution for 1957 of \$6,860.00 from Trust Funds. On this basis the Town cost will be 76.8% of the total budget including the special appropriation of \$1,000.00.

During 1956 alterations to the basement of the library were started, the object of which is to provide a Children's Room. The total cost of this improvement, including furniture and equipment will be approximately \$15,000.00, of which \$9,580.42 was paid during 1956. The special appropriation of \$1,000.00 is required to complete the payments in 1957.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

	Residence		Residence		Residence		Non-Residence	
	In Town		Out of Town		Out of State		In Town	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Jan.	15	10	2	1	0	0	8	10
Feb.	10	9	1	0	0	0	6	2
Mar.	13	11	1	0	0	0	3	10
April	14	7	2	3	0	0	6	9
May	11	7	0	2	0	0	6	5
June	18	16	1	2	0	0	13	6
July	11	14	2	0	1	1	7	8
Aug.	16	17	0	2	0	2	10	6
Sept.	17	17	1	1	0	0	7	10
Oct.	9	14	1	1	0	0	12	12
Nov.	9	15	6	1	0	0	9	7*Twins-Sex
Dec.	12	9	1	0	0	1	9	13 c. b. 1.
	155	145	18	13	1	4	96	98 + 2=196

Of this total (532), there were 196 non-resident births and 36 births occurring out-of-town.

Deaths

Residence	Residence		Residence		Residence		Non-Residence	
	In Town		Out of Town		Out of State		In Town	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
	93	63	28	14	0	4	0	0
							24	19
								*Twins Sex
								c. b. 1

Out of this total (247), there were 45 non-resident deaths.

Marriages

Total marriages for 1956 184

MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES ISSUED

Auctioneers — 4 at \$2.00	\$ 8.00
Bowling — 6 (fee varies)	79.00
Garage — 44 at 50c	22.00
Gasoline — 30 at 50c	15.00
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Hawkers' and Peddlars' — 2 at \$2.50	5.00	
Junk — 2 at \$1.00	2.00	
Junk — 10 at \$15.00	150.00	
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Total		\$ 281.25

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

Male	604	
Female	87	
Spayed Females	243	
Kennel	5	
Transfers	2	
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Paid Town Treasurer		\$1,991.70

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED

Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	574	
Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	252	
Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses	236	
Resident Citizens' Minors' Fishing Licenses	68	
Resident Citizens' Women's Fishing Licenses	122	
Resident Minor Trappers' Licenses	2	
Resident Citizens' Trapping Licenses	7	
Non-Resident Citizens' 3-Day Fishing Licenses ..	13	
Non-Resident Minor Fishing Licenses	1	
Non-Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	2	
Non-Resident Alien Fishing Licenses	5	
Non-Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	2	
Duplicate Licenses	16	
Resident Citizens' Sport. & Trap. Lic. (Free)	101	
Resident Citizen Old Age Assist. and to the Blind (Free)	15	
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Total Licenses Issued	1,300	
Free Licenses Issued	116	
Amount paid to Division of Fisheries & Game		\$4,151.50

In Account with the Town of Southbridge:

Includes: Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates issued during 1956, Duplicate Dog Tags, Vital Statistic Corrections and Marriage Intentions	\$1,011.32
Mortgages and Releases	1,396.50
To Filing One Inventory	1.00
To Filing Four Bonds	4.00
To Registering Two Optometrist Registrations	1.50
To Registering One Physician Registration	1.00

Recordings	161.25
Dog Licenses Fees	187.80
Sporting Licenses Fees	321.00

Total Amount	\$3,085.37
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LIST OF JURORS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN DURING 1956

Lucy T. Gaudette, 601 N. Woodstock Road.
Napoleon J. Martel, 7 Prospect Street.
George F. McCann, 43 Worcester Street.
Arthur H. Beaupre, 235 Mechanic Street.
Israel N. Lamontagne, Breakneck Road.
Alice Salek, 801 Worcester Street.
Lectance J. Landry, 62 Lovely Street.
Marie E. Lariviere, 97 Everett Street.
Arthur J. Lepain, 236 Marcy Street.
Stanley F. Abrahamson, 26 Franklin Terrace.
May Bouthillier, 92 North Street.
Joseph U. Gendreau, 165 Pleasant Street.
Joseph Dufault, 155 Mechanic Street.
Harold N. Belrose, 92 North Street.
Homer W. Mundell, 70 Cole Avenue.
Rodolphe J. Bibeau, 53 Worcester Street.
Evelyn E. Sullivan, 40 South Street.
Florence Decker, 206 Chapin Street.
Rose E. Collette, 164 Pleasant Street.
Roseanna Benoit, 11 South Street.
Roland A. LeBoeuf, 27 Chestnut Street.
Alfred Blair, 85 Worcester Street.
Edwin Zuiss, 367 Hamilton Street.
Thaddeus A. Leniewski, 111 N. Woodstock Road.
Edward S. Szydlik, 28 Meadow Brook Road.
Roch E. Lafleche, 900 Charlton Street.
Roland Hetu, 788 Worcester Street.
Thaddeus A. Misiaszek, 423 Charlton Street.
Wilfred Pinsonneault, 109 Pine Street.
John M. Beaudry, 12 Charlton Street.
Magdaline G. Costa, 91 Central Street.
Robert W. LeBell, 43 Randolph Street.
Walter O. Paquette, 257 Alpine Drive.
Lionel Gravel, 406 Charlton Street.
Atwilda Trudeau, 50 Central Street.
Fiore A. DiMarco, 139 Mechanic Street.
Alexander A. Daigle, 67 Highland Street.
Jean B. Jolin, 811 Worcester Street.

Respectfully submitted,
CLARE P. BOYER,
Town Clerk.

Annual Town Meeting

MARCH 12, 1956

FIRST WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss:

To either of the constables of the Town of Southbridge, in the County of Worcester:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Southbridge aforesaid qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of Southbridge on Monday, March 12, 1956, at 7:00 P.M. to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept a gift from the Southbridge Development Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, having an office and principal place of business at 14 Mechanic Street, in Southbridge, the sum of \$25,500.00; and, contingent upon payment of said amount to the Town, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate to an existing account known as the Airport Maintenance Account the exact amount of said gift, the money so appropriated to be used in conjunction with funds of the United States Government totaling approximately \$51,000.00, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts funds totaling approximately \$25,500.00, for the purpose of extending the Airport by the purchase by the Town of an additional area of land, constructing runways, installing runway lights, constructing taxiway, relocating highway, constructing entrance road, constructing apron, and do other necessary construction, as per plans acceptable to the United States Government and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and that upon completion of said work the Southbridge Airport Commission, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to cancel all existing leases concerning the Southbridge Airport, and authorize the Southbridge Airport Commission, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to negotiate a new lease, including the newly-acquired land, with the Southbridge Development Company for a period not to exceed twenty years at the same rental terms as is now provided by a lease between the Town and the Southbridge Development Company, as recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, or act anything thereon.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies in four conspicuous places within the Town at least seven (7) days before holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the same time and place aforesaid.

A true copy. Attest:

Signed by:

ARMAND O. DeGRENIER,
J. GERARD NOLET,
WESLEY K. COLE,

Selectmen of Southbridge, Mass.

BLAISE TRUDEAU, 3/2/56

Constable of Southbridge, Mass.

Worcester, ss:

Southbridge, Mass.

March 2, 1956

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Southbridge by posting up attested copies of the same in four (4) conspicuous public places, namely: Town Hall, Metro Bros., Laughnane's News Room and Lippe's Market and now return this warrant with my doings thereon, as above described this 2nd day of March, 1956.

BLAISE TRUDEAU, Constable 3/2/56 7:30 P.M.

Received March 2, 1956 at 7:30 P. M.

A true copy.

Attest: CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk.

Attest: CLARE P. BOYER
Town Clerk

SECOND WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss:

To either of the constables of the Town of Southbridge, in said County, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Southbridge, qualified to vote in elections of Town Officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Southbridge, designated by the Selectmen, to wit: In Precinct #1 Mary E. Wells High School, in Precinct #2 West Street School, in Precinct #3 Sacred Heart Parish Hall, in Precinct #4 Eastford Road School, on Monday the fifth day of March, A.D., 1956 at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to the Town, for the following officers:

Moderator for one year, three Selectmen for one year, one member of the Board of Health for three years, one member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years, one Sewer Commissioner for three years, one Commissioner of Trust Funds for three years, one Park Commissioner for three years, Tree Warden for one year, one Cemetery Committee member for three years, one member of the Planning Board for five years, two Trustees of World War Memorial Park for three years, one Assessor for three years, one Assessor for one year (unexpired term), one Constable for three years, Southbridge Housing Authority one for five years, School Committee two for three years, School Committee, one for one year (unexpired term), and all others as provided by law.

Question I.

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 32B of the General Laws:

“Shall Chapter thirty-two B of the General Laws, authorizing any county, city, town or district to provide a plan of group life insurance, group accidental death and dismemberment insurance, and group general or blanket hospital, surgical and medical insurance for certain persons in the service of such county, city, town or district and their dependents, be accepted by this town?”

YES:

NO:

The polls will be opened at eight o'clock in the forenoon and will be closed at eight o'clock in the evening.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are also required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Southbridge, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Southbridge, on Monday, March 12, A.D., 1956, at seven-thirty o'clock P.M., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1956 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, in accordance with Section 4, Chapter 44, General Laws and to renew any note or notes that may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cause an audit to be made of the Town's Accounts of 1955, or act anything thereon.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote the Collector of Taxes the same power to collect taxes that the Town Treasurer has when appointed Collector of Taxes, or act anything thereon.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money to balance Overdrawn Accounts for 1955 and to pay Outstanding Bills of previous years, or act anything thereon.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell at private sale, or public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by publishing or posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the town fourteen days at least before the sale, used or obsolete equipment and materials owned by the Town, or act anything thereon.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health to appoint any of its members to another Town Office or position and fix compensation therefor, or act anything thereon.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay Town debts and charges for the current financial year.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town in the amounts indicated herein, and to make such salary of compensation retroactive to January 1, 1956, in accordance with the provisions of Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended, raise and appropriate any money therefor, or act anything thereon.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of \$500.00 for the purpose of heating and lighting, and improving the upper floor of the Globe Village Fire Station for the use of the Disabled American Veterans, or act anything thereon.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer, a sum of money for the maintenance of Chapter 90 roads in this Town, said money to be used in conjunction with money, which may be allotted by the State and County, or both, for this purpose, or act anything thereon.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the reconstruction of Eastford Road; said money to be used under Chapter 90 of the General Laws in conjunction with money which may be allotted by the State and County, or both, for this purpose, or act anything thereon.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer all or any part of the property acquired by the Town from New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad known as the "Depot Property" and located and bounded generally as follows: On the east by Central Street; on the north by land now or formerly of Martin Realty Co., Inc.; on the west by Hook Street; on the south by the right of way and other land of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, to the Leonide J. Lemire Post 6055, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign, seal and deliver a good and sufficient deed on behalf of the Town of Southbridge, conveying all of its right, title and interest in and to the above described property, or act anything thereon.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease for a period of not more than five years, at an annual rental of one dollar per year, to the Massachusetts Civil Defense Agency, the use of the building only, on the so-called Depot Property, acquired by the Town under vote of Article 29 of the March 6, 1950 Town Meeting; said building to be used as Civil Defense Sector Headquarters, with the understanding that said Civil Defense Agency assumes all costs for maintenance, renovations, and operation, all in accordance with Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Order No. 26, dated January 7, 1955, as provided for by the Acts of 1950 of the General Court, Chapter 639, as amended, or act anything thereon.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer, a sum of money for the resurfacing of the Depot Parking Lot, or act anything thereon.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to lease certain rooms on the third floor of the building located at #305 Main Street, Southbridge from Kidder Trust Corporation, Samuel Snierston, President, for a period of one year for the purpose of providing suitable headquarters for Leonide J. Lemire Post #6055, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States under authority of the provisions of General Laws Chapter 40, Section 9, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act anything thereon.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to create a classification for members of the Board of Registrars, said classification to be included in the Griffen-Hagen Report voted at the annual Town Meeting of March 8, 1954, and further to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and transfer a sum of money to pay the salaries of the members in accordance with this newly created classification, or act anything thereon.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to create a classification for members of the Sewer Commissioners, said classification to be included in the Griffen-Hagen Report voted at the Annual Town Meeting of March 8, 1954, and further to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money to pay the salaries of the members in accordance with this newly created classification, or act anything thereon.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to create the position of Sewerage Treatment Plant Operator, and that this classification be listed in the Griffen-Hagen Report accepted at the Town Meeting held March 8, 1954, that this classification pay the minimum rate of \$4,000.00 and the maximum rate of \$5,000.00, and further to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of \$4,000.00 for this purpose, or act anything thereon.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 29 of the Acts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the year 1956, entitled an Act placing the Office of Veterans' Agent and Director of Veterans' Services in the Town of Southbridge under the Civil Service Laws; said Act reading as follows:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

Section. 1. The office of Veterans' Agent and Director of Veterans' Services in the Town of Southbridge shall, upon the effective date of this Act, become subject to Civil Service Laws and Rules, and that the office of any incumbent thereof shall be unlimited, subject, however, to said Laws; provided, however, that the incumbent of said Office on said effective date shall be subjected by the Division of Civil Service to a qualifying examination, and if he passes said examination he shall be certified for said Office and shall be deemed to be permanently appointed thereto without being required to serve any probationary period.

Section 2. This Act shall take full effect upon its acceptance by the majority vote of the Town of Southbridge at the annual Town Meeting held in the current year, but not otherwise."

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to appoint seven or more members to a committee to be known as the Southbridge School Planning Committee, said committee to prepare a concrete and adequate plan or plans of new school structures and/or alterations to existing school

structures, said committee to present plans and reports to a special Town Meeting to be held prior to August 1, 1956, and authorize said committee to use funds now available for expenses and other necessary costs from the fund voted under Article No. one voted at the Town Meeting held November 19, 1951, and act anything thereon.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 to be used by the Town as part payment of premiums for contributory group life, accident, hospitalization, medical and surgical insurance for persons in the service of the Town and their dependents, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 32B of the General Laws, if accepted by the voters on March 5, 1956, or act anything thereon.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,390.00 from the Sale of Lots and Graves Account to the Cemetery Improvement Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of \$15,000.00 for the purchase or taking by Eminent Domain the parcel of land owned by Rosalie V. Ewing; Annie L. Bellows; Ethel E. Pfeiffer; Howard C. Fulton; the New Haven Bank, N.B.A., Trustees for Rosalie V. Ewing, lying between the westerly side of Morris Street and the easterly side of Chestnut Street, generally known as the Federal Housing Site, or act anything thereon.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to hear, act on, and accept the report of the Selectmen as to the change of grade of a public way known as Violet Avenue from the easterly line of Mechanic Street, easterly for a distance of 200 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to hear, act on, and accept the report of the Selectmen as to the laying out as a public way a certain street known as Violet Avenue from the easterly end of the 1937 Layout, easterly for a distance of 140 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to abandon a section of road leading from Eastford Road to Dennison Lane which was apparently laid out as a Town Road in 1825, called Hatchet Hill Road to Woodstock Road, beginning at the westerly side of Eastford Road northwesterly for a distance of approximately 1,000 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money to construct a storm drain from land rear of Baptist Church parsonage on Hartwell Street, thence crossing Hartwell Street along private

property to existing drain in land owned by Hyde Manufacturing Company, for a distance of 750 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the purpose of constructing a 24" storm drain on the easterly side of Elm Street through the property of Agnes Caraccio, of 219 Elm Street, for a distance of 175 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the construction of drain on Pleasant Street near home of Alfred McKinstry, or act anything thereon.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a certain sum of money for the construction of a storm drain on Woodycrest Avenue, said drain to extend to the Nuisance Brook near Dresser Street Field, or act anything thereon.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the construction of a drain across Hudson Avenue to Beech Street brook, a distance of about 100 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the construction of a storm drain from Dennison Drive northwesterly along Old South Road for a distance of 450 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the construction of a storm drain on Durfee Street, from the westerly side of Jacobs Road easterly to Cohasse Brook, a distance of approximately 720 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the construction of a storm drain on Chapin Street for a distance of 100 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money to construct a storm drain from the existing catch basin on Windsor Court to North Street, thence easterly along North Street to the existing drain near the Godro property for a distance of about 450 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase, under Section 14 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, and/or take by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws of the

Commonwealth, a parcel or parcels of land and appurtenances, easements or rights therein, said parcel or parcels of land bordering, adjoining and contiguous to the drainage area between the Second Reservoir, so called, to the Quinebaug River, said land to be sufficient in size to make possible the construction of a storm drain from area back of Swimming Pool, thence through private property along the westerly side of Litchfield Avenue to South Street, thence along South Street to West Street, thence along West Street to Quinebaug River, so as to avoid damage to public property and health by rising waters and to further see if the Town will vote to construct a storm drain from area back of Swimming Pool to the Quinebaug River and further to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer to a new account to be known as "Nuisance Brook Diversion Drain Account," a sum of money to pay for said construction, and/or said parcel or parcels of land and appurtenances, and/or to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money to be used in conjunction with money allocated by the State under Chapter 91 of the General Laws and vote that the Town assume liability in the manner provided by Section 29 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws, as amended, for all damages that may be incurred by the work to be performed by the Department of Public Works for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tide-waters, in accordance with Chapter 91 of the General Laws, and to authorize the Selectmen to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity therefor to the Commonwealth, provided that the Town take under Chapter 79 and/or obtain proper easements and relief from claims against the Town of Southbridge from all adjacent property owners, or act anything thereon.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase under Section 14 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, and/or take by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, a parcel or parcels of land and appurtenances, easements or rights therein, said parcel or parcels of land bordering, adjoining and contiguous to the Cohasse Brook, said land to be sufficient in size to make possible the channel improvement necessary to avoid damage to public property and health by rising waters and further to see if the Town will vote to improve the channel of said Cohasse Brook, from Main Street to Eastford Road by dredging along present course and/or realignment where necessary and further to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer to a new account to be known as "Cohasse Brook Channel Clearance Account," a sum of money to pay for said clearance and parcel or parcels of land and appurtenances and/or to see if the Town

will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money to be used in conjunction with money allocated by the State under Chapter 91 of the General Laws, and vote that the Town assume liability in the manner provided by Section 29 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws, as amended, for all damages that may be incurred by the work to be performed by the Department of Public Works for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tide waters, in accordance with Chapter 91 of the General Laws, and to authorize the Selectmen to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity, therefor, to the Commonwealth, provided that the Town take under Chapter 79 and/or obtain proper easements and relief from claims against the Town of Southbridge from all adjacent property owners, or act anything thereon.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase under Section 14 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, and/or take by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth a parcel or parcels of land and appurtenances, easements or rights therein, said parcel or parcels of land bordering, adjoining and contiguous to the Cady Brook, said land to be sufficient in size to make possible the channel improvement necessary to avoid damage to public property and health by rising waters and further to see if the Town will vote to improve the channel of said Cady Brook, from Randolph Street northerly to the Southbridge-Charlton Town Line by dredging along present course and/or realignment where necessary and further to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer to a new account to be known as "Cady Brook Channel Clearance Account," a sum of money to pay for said clearance and parcel or parcels of land and appurtenances and/or to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money to be used in conjunction with money allocated by the State, under Chapter 91 of the General Laws, and vote that the Town assume liability in the manner provided by Section 29 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws, as amended, for all damages that may be incurred by the work to be performed by the Department of Public Works for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tide waters, in accordance with Chapter 91 of the General Laws, and to authorize the Selectmen to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity therefor, to the Commonwealth, provided that the Town take under Chapter 79 and/or obtain proper easements and relief from claims against the Town of Southbridge from all adjacent property owners, or act anything thereon.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the purpose of extending culvert on Nuisance Brook from existing terminus to the southerly side of the Quinebaug River, a distance of approximately 60 feet; said money to be used in conjunction with money allotted by the State under Chapter 91 of the General Laws, and that the Town assume liability in the manner provided by Section 29 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws, as amended, for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the Department of Public Works, for the improvement, development, maintenance, and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tide-waters, foreshores and shores along a public beach outside of Boston Harbor, including the Merrimack and Connecticut Rivers, in accordance with Chapter 91 of the General Laws, and to authorize the Selectmen to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity therefor to the Commonwealth, provided that the Town obtain proper easements and relief from claims against the Town of Southbridge from all adjacent property owners, or act anything thereon.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the purpose of constructing a 60-inch concrete storm drain from the North side of Dresser Street to the west side of Marcy Street, a distance of approximately 1,115 feet; said money to be used in conjunction with money allotted by the State under Chapter 91 of the General Laws, and that the Town assume liability in the manner provided by Section 29 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws, as amended, for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the Department of Public Works, for the improvement, development, maintenance, and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tide-waters, foreshores and shores along a public beach outside of Boston Harbor, including the Merrimack and Connecticut Rivers, in accordance with Chapter 91 of the General Laws, and to authorize the Selectmen to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity therefor to the Commonwealth, provided that the Town obtain proper easements and relief from claims against the Town of Southbridge from all adjacent property owners, or act anything thereon.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the purpose of Dean Brook channel improvement from Charlton-Southbridge Town line to the Quinebaug River for a distance of 5,000 feet; said money to be used in conjunction with money allotted by the State under Chapter 91 of the General Laws, and that the Town assume liability in the manner provided by Section 29 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws, as amended, for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the

Department of Public Works for the improvement, development, maintenance, and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tide-waters, foreshores and shores along a public beach outside of Boston Harbor, including the Merrimack and Connecticut Rivers, in accordance with Chapter 91 of the General Laws, and to authorize the Selectmen to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity therefor to the Commonwealth, provided that the Town obtain proper easements and relief from claims against the Town of Southbridge from all adjacent property owners, or act anything thereon.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the purpose of McKinstry Brook channel improvement from the Quinebaug River northerly for a distance of 4,000 feet; said money to be used in conjunction with money allotted by the State under Chapter 91 of the General Laws, and that the Town assume liability in the manner provided by Section 29 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws, as amended, for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the Department of Public Works for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tide-waters, foreshores and shores along a public beach outside of Boston Harbor, including the Merrimack and Connecticut Rivers, in accordance with Chapter 91 of the General Laws, and to authorize the Selectmen to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity therefor to the Commonwealth, provided that the Town obtain proper easements and relief from claims against the Town of Southbridge from all adjacent property owners, or act anything thereon.

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the reconstruction of Violet Avenue for a distance of 340 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the reconstruction of Brook Road for a distance of 375 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to use the two parcels of land conveyed to the Town of Southbridge by Robert B. Dresser on December 20, 1950 and June 27, 1951, said parcels being accepted by the Town of Southbridge under Articles 18 & 19 of Special Town Meeting held December 18, 1950, as a public park to be known as "Dresser Memorial Park," to authorize the Park Commissioners to develop and maintain this land and raise, appropriate, borrow or transfer a suitable sum of money for this purpose, or act anything thereon.

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer, a sum of money for the reconstruction of Cole Avenue from Dresser Street to Woodycrest Avenue, a distance of about 550 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the reconstruction of Chapin Street, from Main Street to Dresser Street, a distance of about 680 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the reconstruction of Hartwell Street, from the westerly line of Marcy Street westerly for a distance of 170 feet, more or less, to Prospect Street, or act anything thereon.

Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the reconstruction of Robert Street, from Pleasant Street westerly to Plimpton Street, a distance of about 238 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the reconstruction of Oliver Street, from Hamilton Street to River Street, a distance of about 213 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the reconstruction of Glover Street, from Sayles Street to Poplar Street, a distance of about 1,590 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the reconstruction of High Street from South Street to Swimming Pool, a distance of about 1,168 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the reconstruction of Sayles Street, from Main Street to Glover Street, a distance of about 1,684 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 55. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the construction of a concrete cement sidewalk on the southerly side of Snow Street from the end of the present walk westerly for a distance of about 53 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 56. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the removal of ledge in front of Cole Trade High School on Dresser Street, and the construction of a cement concrete sidewalk, for a distance of about 292.5 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 57. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the construction of a concrete cement sidewalk on the northerly side of Brook Road, from Elm Street for a distance of about 158 feet to land of Wilfred and Josephine Vigeant, or act anything thereon.

Article 58. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money to construct a concrete sidewalk on the easterly side of Coombs Street from the southerly line of Main Street southerly for a distance of 120 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 59. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of \$480.00 for the erection of an eight-foot chain link fence on Henry Street Field along the northerly line of land of now, or formerly Donald F. & Lilian M. Larson, or act anything thereon.

Article 60. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the building of an addition to the Assessors' Office in the Town Hall, or act anything thereon.

Article 61. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money to provide new lighting in the Town Hall, or act anything thereon.

Article 62. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a certain sum of money for the construction of a vault, to be used exclusively by the Town Clerk, or act anything thereon.

Article 63. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Violet Avenue for a distance of about 300 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 64. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Fiske Street from Mill Street northerly for a distance of about 144 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 65. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Mary Ellen Lane from the existing sewer southerly for a distance of approximately 100 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 66. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the construc-

tion of a sanitary sewer from Charlton Street along Faulkner Avenue and Newman Avenue, for a distance of about 400 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 67. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$1,900.00 to a new account to be known as the "Gift Tree and Shrub Account," said money to be used to plant and care for approximately 1,550 trees and shrubs, said trees and shrubs to be accepted as a gift to the Town from the Netherlands Government, or act anything thereon.

Article 68. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 for Dutch Elm Disease Control Work in accordance with Section 13, Chapter 761, Acts of 1949 of the General Laws, or act anything thereon.

Article 69. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$2,200.00 for Insect Pest Control, this sum to be expended solely for these public nuisances specified in Section 11, Chapter 660, Acts of 1948 of the General Laws, or act anything thereon.

Article 70. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$800.00 to eradicate Poison Ivy within 50 feet of a Public Way, Poison Ivy Chapter 118, Acts of 1954, declaring Poison Ivy as a Public Nuisance, or act anything thereon.

Article 71. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money to construct overflow line on sanitary sewer from junction of North and Crystal Streets, easterly to junction of North and Mechanic Streets for a distance of 320 feet, or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies in four conspicuous places within the Town at least seven days before holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place aforesaid.

Given under our hands this sixth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six.

A true copy. Attest:

Signed by:

ARMAND O. DeGRENIER,
J. GERARD NOLET,
WESLEY K. COLE,
Selectmen of Southbridge, Mass.

BLAISE TRUDEAU, Constable.

Feb. 20, 1956.

A true copy. Attest:

CLARE P. BOYER,
Town Clerk.

Southbridge, Mass.

February 20, 1956.

Worcester, ss:

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Southbridge by posting up attesting copies of the same in four (4) conspicuous public places, namely: Town Hall, Metro Bros., Laughnane's News Room and Lippe's Market and now return this warrant with my doings thereon, as above described this 20th day of February, 1956.

BLAISE TRUDEAU, Constable.

Received from the constable Feb. 20, 1956 2 P.M.

A true copy. Attest:

CLARE P. BOYER,
Town Clerk.

ANNUAL ELECTION — MARCH 5, 1956

Total vote cast — 5,608

Moderator 1 Year (one)

Precincts	1	2	3	4	Total
Rosario Normandin	1239	686	1178	401	3,504
Blanks	696	419	709	280	2,104

Rosario Normandin declared elected and he qualified before Clare P. Boyer, Town Clerk.

Selectmen (3) for One Year

Wesley K. Cole	937	578	854	364	2,733
Armand O. DeGrenier	1199	602	1057	320	3,178
J. Gerard Nolet	899	473	917	226	2,515
Arthur H. Bachand	681	366	788	192	2,027
Royce Fitzpatrick	855	578	725	416	2,574
Albert J. Maramo	300	176	292	141	909
Blanks	934	542	1028	384	2,888

Armand O. DeGrenier, Wesley K. Cole and Royce Fitzpatrick declared elected and they qualified before Clare P. Boyer, Town Clerk.

Board of Assessors, 3 Years (one)

Charles Normandin	1525	863	1486	501	4,375
Blanks	410	242	401	180	1,233

Charles Normandin declared elected and qualified before Clare P. Boyer, Town Clerk.

Board of Assessors, 1 Year (one)

(to finish unexpired term)

Frank DiGregorio	467	322	489	258	1,536
Ernest A. Farland	1278	649	1215	343	3,485
Blanks	190	134	183	80	587

Ernest A. Farland declared elected and qualified before Clare P. Boyer, Town Clerk.

Board of Health 3 Years (one)

Raymond F. Haling	1573	883	1571	521	4,448
Blanks	362	222	416	160	1,160

Raymond F. Haling declared elected and he qualified before Clare P. Boyer, Town Clerk.

School Committee, 3 Years (two)

Anatole J. Bombardier	1236	679	1284	309	3,508
Wilfred C. Chesebrough	704	447	550	377	2,078

Louis H. VanDernoot	1015	580	947	334	2,876
Blanks	915	504	993	342	2,754

Anatole J. Bombardier and Louis H. VanDernoot declared elected and they both qualified before Clare P. Boyer, Town Clerk.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1 Year (one)

(to finish unexpired term)

Edgar J. Bourgeois	1206	615	1157	290	3,268
Charles P. Toscano	556	369	545	321	1,791
Blanks	173	121	185	70	549

Edgar J. Bourgeois declared elected and qualified before Clare P. Boyer, Town Clerk.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE, 3 Years (one)

John M. Beaudry	1093	606	1323	317	3,339
Marie Ethel Lariviere	778	442	483	332	2,035
Blanks	64	57	81	32	234

John M. Beaudry declared elected and he qualified before Clare P. Boyer, Town Clerk.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE, 3 Years (one)

George W. Dumas	1548	870	1447	513	4,378
Blanks	387	235	440	168	1,230

George Dumas declared elected and he qualified before Clare P. Boyer, Town Clerk.

WORLD WAR MEMORIAL TRUSTEES, 3 Years (two)

Hormidas Beaudry	1321	754	1311	442	3,828
Albert J. Tremblay	1297	698	1199	399	3,593
Blanks	1252	758	1264	521	3,795

Hormidas Beaudry and Albert J. Tremblay both declared elected and both qualified before Clare P. Boyer, Town Clerk.

COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS, 3 Years (one)

James J. Fallon	1420	821	1358	482	4,081
Blanks	515	284	529	199	1,527

James J. Fallon declared elected and he qualified before Clare P. Boyer, Town Clerk.

SOUTHBRIDGE PLANNING BOARD, 5 Years (one)

Leon F. Livernois	1399	771	1388	444	4,002
Blanks	536	334	499	237	1,606

Leon F. Livernois declared elected and he qualified before Clare P. Boyer, Town Clerk.

SEWER COMMISSIONER, 3 Years (one)

Alfred J. Goudreau	1424	778	1420	453	4,075
Blanks	511	327	467	228	1,533

Alfred J. Goudreau declared elected and he qualified before
Clare P. Boyer, Town Clerk.

PARK COMMISSIONER, 3 Years (one)

Albert E. Gendron	1396	769	1358	435	3,958
Blanks	539	336	529	246	1,650

Albert E. Gendron declared elected and he qualified before
Clare P. Boyer, Town Clerk

SOUTHBRIDGE HOUSING AUTHORITY, 5 Years (one)

Alphonse V. Renna	1365	747	1332	442	3,886
Blanks	570	358	555	239	1,722

Alphonse V. Renna declared elected and he qualified before
Clare P. Boyer, Town Clerk.

TREE WARDEN, 1 Year (one)

Chester J. Maska	1478	846	1432	511	4,267
Blanks	457	259	455	170	1,341

Chester J. Maska declared elected and he qualified before
Clare P. Boyer, Town Clerk.

CONSTABLE, 3 Years (one)

Blaise Trudeau	1451	792	1412	452	4,107
Blanks	484	313	475	229	1,501

Blaise Trudeau declared elected and he qualified before
Clare P. Boyer, Town Clerk.

QUESTION NO. 1

YES	867	480	785	284	2,416
NO	374	239	360	186	1,159
Blanks	694	386	742	211	2,033

A true record. Attest:

CLARE P. BOYER,
Town Clerk.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING — MARCH 12, 1956

FIRST WARRANT

Meeting called to order at 7:10 P. M. by Moderator Rosario Normandin.

VOTED: That the reading of the warrant be dispensed with.

Motion made and seconded and carried:

VOTED: That we wait for the Selectmen and the members of the Finance Committee.

VOTED: to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee as a motion unless another one (motion) is from the floor.

Affirmative:	40
Negative:	1
It's a vote.	

Article 1.

VOTED: that the Southbridge Airport Commission, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to execute an amendment to the existing airport lease, said amendment to incorporate additional land to be acquired by the Town and all other airport improvements to be made under authority of this vote and to provide for an increase in rent of \$25,500.00 during the original term of this lease, without changing renewal options under present lease, said rent to be pre-paid by Southbridge Development Co., lessee, and to be contingent upon the Town making an appropriation, acquiring additional land and doing the work herein specified; that the prepayment of said rent be made or transferred to an existing account known as the Airport Maintenance Account; that the Town appropriate by transfer from said Airport Maintenance Account the sum of \$10,000.00 for the purchase and/or taking by eminent domain of land of McKinstry Ice Co. on the east side of Pleasant Street in Southbridge, and comprising 50 acres more or less, in order to extend runways, and that the Town appropriate by transfer from said Airport Maintenance Account the sum of \$15,500.00 for the purpose of extending and constructing runways, installing lights, constructing taxiways, relocating highway, constructing entrance road, apron, and doing any other construction that may be necessary as per plans acceptable to the United States Government and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; that the total sum of \$25,500.00 so appropriated be used in conjunction with funds of the United States Government totaling approximately \$51,000.00, and funds of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, totaling approxi-

mately \$25,500.00, for the purposes herein enumerated; that the work be done by contract under the supervision of Southbridge Airport Commission unless Federal or State Authorities decide otherwise, and then in the manner so decided; that failure to obtain Federal and State funds within 12 months shall void the amendment to the lease, but not the lease itself, at the option of Southbridge Development Co., and that in the event of such failure and exercise of option by Southbridge Development Co., the lessee shall be entitled to reimbursement for the full amount of prepaid rent.

Count of Vote:

Affirmative40

Negative 1

It's a vote.

VOTED: to adjourn.

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 12, 1956

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Moderator Normandin.

VOTED: that the reading of the warrant and the officer's return thereon be dispensed with.

The Moderator requested the voters for their unanimous consent that the reading of articles by him be dispensed with.

So moved and seconded.

Unanimously voted in the affirmative.

The Moderator announced the following: that the recommendations of the Finance Committee be accepted as motions and that said motions be considered as seconded. However, motions could be presented from the floor and these motions presented from the floor would be considered first.

Mr. Stark after receiving permission from the Moderator read the following:

IN MEMORIAM

It is fitting that we recognize, in a public way and have recorded in the public records of the Town Meeting of the Town of Southbridge, the sterling qualities of a man who served us faithfully in the office of the Board of Public Welfare for eighteen years, during which time he was a splendid example of what a person who serves the public should exemplify.

We hereby extend to the wife and children of our late beloved friend and public servant, Ovide Desrosiers, our sincere sympathy at this meeting of the Town of Southbridge on Monday, March 12, 1956.

IN APPRECIATION

We wish to record with pleasure, in the public records of the Town Meeting of the Town of Southbridge, the unselfish efforts of Miss Marguerite Houle, who was employed as Board of Health Nurse for thirty-four years. She served us faithfully and well. No day has been too full, no cares too many to daunt this indomitable friend. Like the first Great Physician, she "went about doing good," and, like the Good Samaritan, she never "passed by on the other side." She maintained the highest principles of her profession, and those with whom she came in contact will "rise up and call her blessed." She has earned, and worthily deserves her retirement, and we hope the years ahead will be pleasant ones as in love and friendship we send her our appreciation from this meeting of the Town of Southbridge on Monday, March 12, 1956.

VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative that the Memoriam and the Appreciation as read by Mr. Stark be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

Article 1. Voted: unanimously in the affirmative to accept the reports of the Town Officers as printed in the Town Report.

Article 2. Voted: unanimously in the affirmative.

Article 3. Voted: unanimously in the affirmative.

Article 4. Voted: unanimously in the affirmative.

Article 5. Voted: unanimously in the affirmative for \$9.16 from the tax levy of 1956.

Article 6. Voted: unanimously in the affirmative.

Article 7. Substitute motion presented, seconded and carried: **VOTED:** that the Town authorize the Board of Health to appoint one of its members as Board Physician at salary of \$330.00 and Parochial School Physician at a salary of \$770.00

Unanimous in the affirmative.

Article 8. Voted: that the Town raise and appropriate the following sums of money to be taken from the tax levy of 1956:

MODERATOR:

Other Expenses	\$ 12.00
It's a vote.	

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Other Expenses	100.00
It's a vote.	

SELECTMEN:

Salary of Assistant Clerk	\$ 2,300.00
Other Expenses	1,000.00

Total 3,300.00

It's a vote.

ACCOUNTANT:

Salary of Accountant	\$ 4,100.00
Salary of Clerk	1,960.00
Extra Clerical	300.00
Other Expenses	500.00

Total 6,860.00

It's a vote.

TREASURER:

Salary of Clerk	\$ 2,200.00
Extra Clerical	1,200.00
Other Expenses	1,800.00

Total 5,200.00

It's a vote.

TAX COLLECTOR:

Salary of Clerk	\$ 2,200.00
Extra Clerical	1,250.00
Other Expenses	2,699.00

Total 6,149.00

It's a vote.

ASSESSORS:

Salary of Clerk	\$ 2,300.00
Extra Clerical	2,100.00
Other Expenses	1,200.00
Travel Expenses	400.00

Total 6,000.00

It's a vote.

TOWN CLERK:

Salary of Clerk	\$ 2,300.00
Extra Clerical	689.00
Other Expenses	921.00

Total 3,910.00

It's a vote.

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION:

Salary of Three Registrars	\$ 300.00
Salary of Clerk of Board	250.00
Election Expenses	9,099.00
Re-Listing Expenses	1,543.00

Total	11,192.00
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It's a vote.

LAW:

Salary of Town Counsel	\$ 2,400.00
Other Expenses	300.00

Total	2,700.00
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It's a vote.

TOWN HALL:

Salary of Janitor	\$ 3,100.00
Other Expenses	5,500.00

Total	8,600.00
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It's a vote.

ENGINEERING:

Salary of Engineer	\$ 6,150.00
Salaries of Personnel	11,244.00
Other Expenses	2,000.00

Total	19,394.00
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It's a vote.

RETIREMENT BOARD:

Salary of Clerk	\$ 840.00
Other Expenses	250.00

Total	1,090.00
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It's a vote.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

The following substitute motion presented by Chief Desrosiers: Motion seconded. Not carried: viz.:

Voted: that the Town of Southbridge raise and appropriate the following sums of money to be taken from the tax levy of 1956:

SALARIES:

Salary of Chief	\$ 5,000.00
Deputy Chief	4,500.00

Patrolman Sergeant	3,900.00	
Fingerprint & Identification Officer	200.00	
Salaries of 23 Regular Patrolmen	82,014 00	
Salary of Janitor	2,650.00	
Special Police, Matrons, Drs.	2,900.00	
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Total Payroll		101,164.00

EXPENSES:

Fingerprint & Identification Equipment	\$ 150.00	
Building Repairs	600.00	
School Safety Patrol Supplies	300.00	
Auxiliary Police Equipment	100.00	
Officers' Equipment	350.00	
Other Expenses	9,600.00	
Remote Control Unit.....	200.00	
Steel Police Boat	320.00	
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Total Expenses		11,620.00
Total Regular Department		112,784.00
		16,000.00
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		\$128,784.00

PARKING METER DIVISION:

Voted that the Town of Southbridge authorize the transfer of the following sums of money from the Parking Meter Fund to the Parking Meter Division of the Police Department:

Salaries	\$ 10,800.00	
Signs, parts, painting, etc	3,000.00	
New Cruiser	2,200.00	
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Total		16,000.00

The Finance Committee's motion carried: VOTED:

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Salary of Chief	\$ 5,000.00	
Deputy Chief	4,500.00	
Patrolman Sergeant	3,900.00	
Fingerprint & Identification Officer	200.00	
Salaries of 22 Regular Officers	79,400.00	
Salary of Janitor	2,650.00	
Special Police, Matron, Drs.	2,900.00	
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Total Payroll		98,550.00

Fingerprint & Identification		
Equipment	\$	150.00
Building Repairs		600.00
School Safety Patrol Supplies		300.00
Auxiliary Police Equipment		100.00
Officers' Equipment		350.00
Other Expenses		9,100.00
Remote Control Unit		200.00
Steel Police Boat		320.00
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		11,120.00
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Total Regular Department		\$109,670.00

PARKING METER DIVISION:

Officers' Salaries	\$	10,800.00
Signs, Parts, Painting, etc.		3,000.00
New Cruiser		2,200.00
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		16,000.00
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Total Police Department		\$125,670.00
Less—Amount transferred from		
Parking Meter Fund		16,000.00
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Total Appropriation		\$109,670.00
It's a vote.		

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Salary of Chief	\$	4,700.00
Salary of Asst. Chief		4,500.00
Salary of Captain		4,200.00
Salary of Captain		4,200.00
Salary of 18 Permanent Men		66,000.00
Salary of Call Men		7,100.00
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Total Payroll		90,700.00
Travel—Out of State	\$	150.00
Continuation of New Fire Alarm		
System		3,000.00
50 Gallons Liquid Foam		278.00
Addition for Ambulance Garage		1,500.00
New Pumper		17,500.00
Other Expenses		5,700.00
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Total Appropriation		\$118,828.00
It's a vote.		

HYDRANTS:		22,100.00
It's a vote.		
FOREST FIRE:		
Salary of Warden	\$ 200.00	
Other Expenses	1,585.00	
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Total		1,785.00
It's a vote.		
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:		
Salary of Sealer	\$ 1,700.00	
Other Expenses	400.00	
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Total		2,100.00
It's a vote.		
TREE WARDEN:		
Labor and Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	
Dutch Elm Diseases	3,500.00	
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Total		5,700.00
It's a vote.		
MOTH EXTERMINATION:		
Labor and Expenses		400.00
It's a vote.		
DAMAGE TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY:		2,500.00
It's a vote.		
WIRE INSPECTOR:		
Salary of Inspector	\$ 800.00	
Other Expenses	150.00	
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Total		950.00
It's a vote.		
AMBULANCE:		
Expenses		1,721.00
It's a vote.		
BUILDING INSPECTOR:		
Salary of Inspector	\$ 775.00	

Other Expenses	150.00	
Total		925.00
It's a vote.		

DOG OFFICER:

Salary of Officer	\$ 250.00	
Other Expenses	495.00	
Total		745.00
It's a vote.		

STREET LIGHTS:	24,000.00
It's a vote.	

ANIMAL INSPECTOR:

Salary of Inspector	\$ 350.00	
Other Expenses	75.00	
Total		425.00
It's a vote.		

PLANNING BOARD:

Expenses	\$ 400.00	
Official Map	250.00	
Total		650.00
It's a vote.		

SCHOOLS:

Salaries, Instruction & Other		486,252.00
Other Expenses	\$146,705.00	
Audio Visual Aids	2,000.00	
Driver Education	1,200.00	
Playgrounds	4,000.00	
Contingency	5,000.00	
School Lunch	3,000.00	
Athletic Equipment & Ins.	1,500.00	
	\$163,405.00	
Less—Smith Hughes Fund	1,500.00	
Total		161,905.00
It's a vote.		

LIBRARY:

Salaries	\$ 14,678.00
Other Expenses	5,213.00
Alterations & Improvements	1,000.00

Total 20,891.00

It's a vote.

HIGHWAYS:

Superintendent's Salary	\$ 4,500.00
Labor	41,431.00
Oil & Sand for Roads	10,000.00
Other Expenses	10,000.00
Snow & Ice	7,000.00
New Equipment Road Machinery	6,200.00
Road Machinery Maintenance	10,000.00
Town Dump	2,700.00
Town Dump—Rodent Control	900.00
Rubbish Collection	6,200.00
Sidewalk Repairs	2,000.00

Total 100,931.00

It's a vote.

WELFARE:

Salary of Town Agent	\$ 4,320.00
Salary of Social Workers	7,470.00
Sal. of Junior Clerks	6,900.00

Total	\$ 18,690.00
From Federal Government	5,000.00

Total 13,690.00

OTHER EXPENSES:

General Relief	\$ 50,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	28,700.00
Old Age Assistance	140,040.00
Disability Assistance	14,420.00

Total 233,160.00

It's a vote.

INFIRMARY:

Salary of Superintendent	\$ 2,200.00
Salary of Matron	1,500.00
Other Expenses	8,500.00

Repairs	1,200.00	
Total		13,400.00
It's a vote.		

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Director's Salary	\$ 1,400.00	
Other Expenses	60,000.00	
Total		61,400.00
It's a vote.		

VETERANS' SERVICES:

Director's Salary	\$ 2,175.00	
Clerk's Salary	2,200.00	
Other Expenses	750.00	
New Equipment—Photostat Machine	450.00	
Total		5,575.00
It's a vote.		

SOLDIERS' BURIALS:

Expenses		400.00
It's a vote.		

BURIAL ALLOWANCE TO VETERANS' ORGANIZATION

		100.00
It's a vote.		

MAINTENANCE OF VETERANS' GRAVES:

Expenses		550.00
It's a vote.		

BOARD OF HEALTH:

Salaries:

Agent	\$ 700.00	
Board Physician	330.00	
Parochial School, M.D.	770.00	
Podiatrist	250.00	
Nurse	2,800.00	
Clerk	300.00	
Dental Clinic	700.00	
Plumbing Inspector	3,400.00	
Food Inspector	300.00	

Milk Inspector	300.00	
Slaughtering Inspector	400.00	
Sanitary Inspector	500.00	
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Total payroll		10,750.00
Expenses:		
Contagious Diseases & Tuberculosis	\$ 3,500.00	
Premature Births	1,000.00	
Garbage Collectors	6,753.00	
Traveling Expenses	400.00	
Other Expenses	500.00	
Castle Autoclave for clinic	230.00	
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Total Expenses		12,383.00
Total Board of Health		23,133.00
It's a vote.		

SEWER DEPARTMENT:

Salaries of Caretakers (2)	\$ 6,565.00	
Other Expenses	1,200.00	
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Total		7,765.00
It's a vote.		

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Salaries	\$ 10,500.00	
Swimming Pool:		
Other Expenses	650.00	
Red Cross Instructions	200.00	
Portable Resuscitator	200.00	
Dresser Street Field:		
Maintenance & Improvements	3,000.00	
Repairs	700.00	
Little League, Babe Ruth & Minor League Expenses	1,600.00	
Alumni Field:		
Expenses	1,000.00	
Henry Street Field:		
Expenses	700.00	
Maintenance & Improvements	1,000.00	
Winter Sports	75.00	
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Total		19,625.00
It's a vote.		

PENSIONS (Non-Contributory):	8,000.00
It's a vote.	
PENSION ACCUMULATION FUND:	20,158.00
It's a vote.	
INSURANCE:	21,000.00
It's a vote.	
CEMETERIES & ENTERPRISES:	5,250.00
It's a vote.	
PARKS:	
Expenses	500.00
It's a vote.	
MEMORIAL DAY:	900.00
It's a vote.	
VETERANS' DAY:	600.00
It's a vote.	
TOWN CLOCK:	50.00
It's a vote.	
ANNUAL REPORTS:	1,800.00
It's a vote.	
MAIN STREET: (Dresser Prop. Maint.)	400.00
It's a vote.	
WORLD WAR MEMORIAL:	400.00
It's a vote.	
TOWN HALL REPAIRS:	3,000.00
It's a vote.	
WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL:	200.00
It's a vote.	
CIVILIAN DEFENSE:	6,365.00
It's a vote.	
MATURING DEBT:	10,000.00
It's a vote.	
INTEREST ON FUNDED DEBT:	270.00
It's a vote.	
INTEREST ON REVENUE LOANS:	7,000.00
It's a vote.	
FINANCE COMMITTEE RESERVE FUND:	
(Transfer from Overlay Surplus)	10,000.00
It's a vote.	

Article 9. Voted: that the Town raise and appropriate from the General Tax Levy of 1956 the following sums of money to be paid as salary to the elected officers of the town at the annual rates indicated herein beginning January 1, 1956 in accordance with provisions of Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws as amended:

SELECTMEN:

Salary of Chairman	\$ 550.00
Salary of 2nd Member	450.00
Salary of 3rd Member	450.00
It's a vote.	

SALARY OF TREASURER	2,400.00
It's a vote.	

SALARY OF TAX COLLECTOR	4,300.00
It's a vote.	

SALARY OF TOWN CLERK	4,500.00
It's a vote.	

ASSESSORS:

Salary of Chairman	600.00
Salary of 2nd Member (Clerk)	4,100.00
Salary of 3rd Member	600.00
It's a vote.	

SALARY OF MODERATOR	60.00
It's a vote.	

TREE WARDEN: Per hour	1.70
It's a vote.	

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE:

Salary of Chairman	600.00
Salary of 2nd Member	600.00
Salary of 3rd Member	500.00

Total Salaries	1,700.00	
Less—Salaries from Fed. Grants	500.00	
To be raised from Tax Levy, 1956		1,200.00
It's a vote.		

BOARD OF HEALTH:

Salary of Chairman	110.00
Salary of 2nd Member	110.00
Salary of 3rd Member	110.00
It's a vote.	

SEWER COMMISSIONERS:

Salary of Chairman	150.00
Salary of 2nd Member	150.00
Salary of 3rd Member	150.00
It's a vote.	

Article 10. VOTED: in the affirmative from the E & D Account. (Unanimously in the affirmative.)

Article 11. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for \$1,200.00 from the E & D Account.

Article 12. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for \$11,250.00 from the E & D Account, work to be done by contract.

Article 13. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for indefinite postponement.

Article 14. VOTED: in the affirmative for a period of three years.

(48 in favor — 5 opposed.)

It's a vote.

Article 15. VOTED: in the affirmative for \$15,000.00 from the E & D Account, work to include a Type I surface and to be done by contract.

(60 in favor — 3 opposed.)

It's a vote.

Article 16. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for \$900.00 from the tax levy.

Article 17. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for indefinite postponement.

Article 18. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for indefinite postponement.

Article 19. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative to refer to the Board of Review for study, and recommendation at a later Town Meeting.

Article 20. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative.

Article 21. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative with a minimum of seven members and a maximum of nine members to serve on the committee.

Article 22. The following substitute motion presented, seconded and carried:

VOTED: in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 32B of the General Laws, as accepted by the voters of the Town on March 5, 1956, that the Board of Selectmen authorize the

Board of Review to develop a plan for contributory group life, accident, hospital, medical and surgical insurance for persons in the service of the Town and their dependents, that such plan be developed with the Town paying 50% of the costs and that the complete plan be reported at a Special Town Meeting as soon as possible for approval by the Town.

Article 23. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative.

Article 24. The following substitute motion presented, seconded and carried:

VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative that the Town raise and appropriate from the tax levy of 1956 the sum of \$100.00 to be expended by the Federal Housing Project Recreation Area Committee, voted by Article 15 of the Special Town Meeting held June 21, 1954, to secure an option on the property known as the Federal Housing site owned by Rosalie V. Ewing, and others, said option to state a definite price at which the owners will sell the property, and said option be for a period not less than six months.

Article 25. The following motion presented, seconded and carried:

VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative that the Town accept the report of the Selectmen as to the change in grade of a public way known as Violet Avenue from the easterly line of Mechanic Street, easterly for a distance of 200.0 feet as established March 8, 1937, subject to the provisions of the General Laws of the State of Massachusetts.

No Land Damages per Selectmen.

Article 26. The following motion presented, seconded and carried:

VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative that the Town accept the report of the Selectmen as to the laying out as a public way a certain street known as Violet Avenue from the easterly end of the layout of Violet Avenue as established March 8, 1937; thence easterly for a distance of 140 feet subject to the provisions of the General Laws of the State of Massachusetts.

No Land Damages per Selectmen.

Article 27. The following substitute motion presented, seconded and carried:

(Hatchet Hill Road Abandonment.)

VOTED: that this matter be referred to the Board of Selectmen for study.

Article 28. The following substitute motion presented, seconded and carried: (Fin. Com.'s)

VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for \$2,000.00 from the tax levy, work to be done by the Highway Dept.

Article 29. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for indefinite postponement.

Article 30. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for \$2,250.00 from the E & D Account, work to be done by the Highway Department.

Article 31. The following substitute motion presented, seconded and lost:

VOTED: that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,700.00 from the tax levy of 1956 for the construction of a storm drain from Woodycrest Avenue, said drain to extend along Mary Ellen Lane and Judith Avenue to the Nuisance Brook near Dresser Street Field for a distance of about 500 feet.

(Fin. Com.'s motion.)

VOTED: indefinite postponement.

Article 32. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for indefinite postponement.

Article 33. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for indefinite postponement.

Article 34. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for indefinite postponement.

Article 35. VOTED: indefinite postponement.

Article 36. VOTED: indefinite postponement.

Article 37. (The Fin. Com. presented the following substitute motion. Said motion seconded and carried.)

VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase, under Section 14 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, and/or take by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth a parcel or parcels of land and appurtenances, easements or rights therein, said parcel or parcels of land bordering, adjoining and contiguous to the drainage area between the Second Reservoir so called, to the Quinebaug River, said land to be sufficient in size to make possible

the construction of a storm drain from area back of Swimming Pool, thence through private property along the westerly side of Litchfield Avenue to South Street, thence along South Street to West Street, thence along West Street to the Quinebaug River, so as to avoid damage to public property and health by rising waters, and voted that the Town raise and appropriate from the tax levy of 1956 the sum of \$100.00 to pay for said parcel or parcels of land and appurtenances, and voted that the Town transfer from the Post War Rehabilitation Fund, the sum of \$25,000.00, all or part of said money to be expended on basis of 25% of total construction cost to be used in conjunction with 75% provided by Commonwealth of Massachusetts under Chapter 91 of the General Laws for construction of said drain and also voted that the Town assume liability in the matter provided by Section 29 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws, as amended, for all damages that may be incurred by the work to be performed by the Department of Public Works for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tide waters, in accordance with Chapter 91 of the General Laws and voted to authorize the Selectmen to execute and deliver, a bond of indemnity therefore to the Commonwealth.

Article 38. (The Fin. Com. presented the following substitute motion. Said motion seconded and carried.)

VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase under Section 14 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth and/or take by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, a parcel or parcels of land and appurtenances, easements or rights therein, said parcel or parcels of land bordering, adjoining and contiguous to the Cohasse Brook, said land to be sufficient in size to make possible the channel improvement necessary to avoid damage to public property and health by rising waters, and voted to raise and appropriate from tax levy of 1956 the sum of \$100.00 to pay for parcel or parcels of land and appurtenances, and voted that the Town assume liability in the manner provided by Section 29 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws, as amended, for all damages that may be incurred by the work to be performed by the Department of Public Works for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tide waters, in accordance with Chapter 91 of the General Laws, and to authorize the Selectmen to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity, therefor, to the Commonwealth, provided that the Town take under Chapter 79 and/or obtain proper easements and relief from claims against the Town of Southbridge from all adjacent property owners.

Article 39. The Finance Com. presented the following substitute motion. Said motion seconded and carried:

VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase under Section 14 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, and/or take by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth a parcel or parcels of land and appurtenances, easements or rights therein, said parcel or parcels of land bordering, adjoining and contiguous to the Cady Brook, said land to be sufficient in size to make possible the channel improvement necessary to avoid damage to public property and health by rising waters, and voted to raise and appropriate from tax levy of 1956 the sum of \$100.00 to pay for said parcel or parcels of land and appurtenances, and voted that the Town assume liability in the manner provided by Section 29 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws, as amended, for all damages that may be incurred by the work to be performed by the Department of Public Works for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tide waters, in accordance with Chapter 91 of the General Laws, and to authorize the Selectmen to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity therefor, to the Commonwealth, provided that the Town take under Chapter 79 and/or obtain proper easements and relief from claims against the Town of Southbridge from all adjacent property owners.

Article 40. The Finance Com. presented the following substitute motion. Said motion seconded and carried:

VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase under Section 14 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, and/or take by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth a parcel or parcels of land and appurtenances, easements or rights therein, said parcel or parcels of land bordering, adjoining and contiguous to the Nuisance Brook from existing terminus to the southerly side of the Quinebaug River a distance of approximately 60 feet, said land to be sufficient in size to make possible the channel improvement necessary to avoid damage to public property and health by rising waters, and voted to raise and appropriate from tax levy of 1956 the sum of \$100.00 to pay for said parcel or parcels of land and appurtenances, and voted that the Town assume liability in the manner provided by Section 29 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws, as amended for all damages that may be incurred by the work to be performed by the Department of Public Works for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tide waters, in accordance with Chapter 91 of the General Laws, and to au-

thorize the Selectmen to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity therefor, to the Commonwealth, provided that the Town take under Chapter 79 and/or obtain proper easements and relief from claims against the Town of Southbridge from all adjacent property owners.

Article 41. The Finance Com. presented the following substitute motion. Said motion seconded and carried:

VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase under Section 14 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, and/or take by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth a parcel or parcels of land and appurtenances, easements or rights therein, said parcel or parcels of land bordering, adjoining and contiguous to the Nuisance Brook from the north side of Dresser Street to the west side of Marcy Street a distance of approximately 1,115 feet, said land to be sufficient in size to make possible the channel improvement necessary to avoid damage to public property and health by rising waters, and voted to raise and appropriate from tax levy of 1956 the sum of \$100.00 to pay for said parcel or parcels of land and appurtenances, and voted that the Town assume liability in the manner provided by Section 29 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws, as amended, for all damages that may be incurred by the work to be performed by the Department of Public Works for the improvements, development, maintenance and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tide waters, in accordance with Chapter 91 of the General Laws, and to authorize the Selectmen to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity therefor, to the Commonwealth, provided that the Town take under Chapter 79 and/or obtain proper easements and relief from claims against the Town of Southbridge from all adjacent property owners.

Article 42. The Finance Com. presented the following substitute motion. Said motion seconded and carried:

VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase under Section 14 of the Chapter 40 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, and/or take by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth a parcel or parcels of land and appurtenances, easements or rights therein, said parcel or parcels of land bordering, adjoining and contiguous to the Dean Brook from Charlton-Southbridge Town line to the Quinebaug River for a distance of 5,000 feet, said land to be sufficient in size to make possible the channel improvement necessary to avoid damage to public property and health by rising waters, and voted to raise and appropriate from tax levy of 1956 the sum of

\$100.00 to pay for said parcel or parcels of land and appurtenances, and voted that the Town assume liability in the manner provided by Section 29 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws, as amended, for all damages that may be incurred by the work to be performed by the Department of Public Works for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tide waters, in accordance with Chapter 91 of the General Laws, and to authorize the Selectmen to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity therefor, to the Commonwealth, provided that the Town take under Chapter 79 and/or obtain proper easements and relief from claims against the Town of Southbridge from all adjacent property owners.

Article 43. The Finance Committee presented the following substitute motion. Said motion seconded and carried:

VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase under Section 14 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, and/or take by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth a parcel or parcels of land and appurtenances, easements or rights therein, said parcel or parcels of land bordering, adjoining and contiguous to the McKinstry Brook from the Quinebaug River northerly for a distance of 4,000 feet, said land to be sufficient in size to make possible the channel improvement necessary to avoid damage to public property and health by rising waters, and voted to raise and appropriate from tax levy of 1956 the sum of \$100.00 to pay for said parcel or parcels of land and appurtenances and voted that the Town assume liability in the manner provided by Section 29 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws, as amended, for all damages that may be incurred by the work to be performed by the Department of Public Works for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tidewaters, in accordance with Chapter 91 of the General Laws, and to authorize the Selectmen to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity therefor, to the Commonwealth, provided that the Town take under Chapter 79 and/or obtain proper easements and relief from claims against the Town of Southbridge from all adjacent property owners.

Article 44. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for \$2,500.00 from the E and D Account, work to be done by the Highway Department.

Article 45. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for \$2,000.00 from balances carried forward from 1955 Articles 22 and 23, work to be done by the Highway Department.

Article 46. The following substitute motion presented, seconded and carried:

VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative that the Town use the two (2) parcels of land conveyed to the Town by deeds dated December 20, 1950 and June 27, 1951 and accepted by the Town under Articles 18 and 19 of the Special Town Meeting held December 18, 1950, as a public park to be known as "Dresser Memorial Park" and to authorize the Park Commissioners to develop and maintain this land as a park and in furtherance of these purposes to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be used in connection with a similar amount to be donated by Dr. Richard Dresser.

Motion made and seconded to reconsider Article 46.

The following amendment made, seconded and carried unanimously in the affirmative: Voted instead of taking \$5,000.00 from tax levy of 1956 that \$4,893.82 be transferred from Insurance Loss Reimbursement Account and \$106.18 be taken from the tax levy of 1956. Also that the work be completed in 1956 by contract.

Article 47. VOTED: indefinite postponement.

Article 48. VOTED: indefinite postponement.

Article 49. VOTED: indefinite postponement.

Article 50. VOTED: indefinite postponement.

Article 51. VOTED: indefinite postponement.

Article 52. VOTED: indefinite postponement.

Article 53. VOTED: indefinite postponement.

Article 54. VOTED: that \$22,980.00 be transferred from the balances carried forward under 1955 Articles 22 and 23 for the purpose of reconstructing Sayles Street from Main Street to South Street with work to include adequate drainage, a Type I surface and work to be done by contract.

Article 55. VOTED: indefinite postponement. To be taken care of by Highway Department.

Article 56. VOTED: indefinite postponement.

Article 57. VOTED: indefinite postponement.

Article 58. VOTED: indefinite postponement.

Article 59. The following substitute motion presented, seconded and carried:

VOTED: that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$480.00 for the erection of an 8-foot chain link fence on Henry Street Field along the northerly line of land of Donald & Lilian Larson the same to be taken from the tax levy of 1956. To be done by contract under Recreation Committee.

Article 60. VOTED: indefinite postponement.

Article 61. VOTED: indefinite postponement.

Article 62. VOTED: indefinite postponement.

Article 63. VOTED: in the affirmative for \$1,500.00 from the E and D Account, work to be done by contract.

Article 64. VOTED: in the affirmative for \$1,000.00 from the tax levy, work to be done by contract.

Article 65. VOTED: in the affirmative for \$700.00 from the Sewer Assessment Reserve Account, work to be done by contract.

Article 66. VOTED: in the affirmative for \$300.00 from the tax levy, and \$3,900.00 from the E and D Account, work to be done by contract.

Article 67. The following substitute motion presented, seconded and carried:

VOTED: that the Town raise and appropriate from the tax levy of 1956 the sum of \$1,900.00 for the purpose of planting and caring for approximately 1,550 trees and shrubs, said trees and shrubs to be accepted as a gift to the Town from the Netherlands Government.

Article 68. VOTED: indefinite postponement.

Article 69. VOTED: indefinite postponement.

Article 70. VOTED: indefinite postponement.

Article 71. The following substitute motion presented, seconded and carried:

VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative that the Town raise and appropriate from tax levy of 1956 the sum of \$1,100.00 for the construction of an overflow line of sanitary sewer from

junction of North and Crystal Streets easterly for a distance of 133 feet to existing 6" sewer line, the work to be done by contract.

Article 62. The following substitute motion presented, seconded and lost:

VOTED: that the Town raise and appropriate the following sum of \$8,000.00 to be taken from tax levy of 1956 for the purpose of constructing a vault for the exclusive use of the Town Clerk. Work to be done by contract under the supervision of Selectmen.

(for vote on Article 62, see Article 62, pp. 443.)

VOTED: to adjourn.

Time: 9:45 P. M.

A true record. Attest: CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Southbridge, Mass.

March 6, 1956

In accordance with the requirements of General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 19a, (Acts of 1933), Chapter 70, I certify that Bernice R. Carrigan was appointed to the office of Assistant Clerk of the Town of Southbridge on March 6, 1956 for the term of office expiring on March 5, 1959, and that said Clerk has qualified by taking the oath of office.

CLARE P. BOYER,
Appointing Officer,
Town Clerk of Southbridge, Mass.

SEAL

Southbridge, Mass.

March 6, 1956

Worcester, ss:

I hereby certify that I have entered upon the duties of Assistant Clerk of the Town of Southbridge.

BERNICE R. CARRIGAN,
(My official signature.)

SEAL

A true record. Attest: CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Southbridge.

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet in the Mary E. Wells High School Building, Southbridge, Massachusetts, Precinct No. 1 Tuesday, the twenty-fourth day of April, 1956 at 2 o'clock P.M. for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the Election of Candidates of Political Parties for the following offices:

- 10 Delegates at Large to National Convention of the Republican Party.
- 10 Alternates Delegates at Large to the National Convention of the Republican Party.
- 24 Delegates at Large to the National Convention of the Democratic Party.
- 24 Alternate Delegates at Large to the National Convention of the Democratic Party.
- 2 District Delegates to the National Convention of the Republican Party, 3rd Congressional District.
- 2 Alternate District Delegates to the National Convention of the Republican Party, Third Congressional District.
- 4 District Delegates to the National Convention of the Democratic Party, Third Congressional District.
- 2 Alternate District Delegates to the National Convention of the Democratic Party, Third Congressional District.
- District Members of State Committee Worcester and Hampden District. (One man and one woman) for each political party for the Fifth Senatorial District.
- 25 Members of the Republican Town Committee.
- 35 Members of the Democratic Town Committee.

Presidential Preference

The polls will be open from 2 P. M. to 8 P. M.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 2nd day of April, A. D. 1956.

Signed by:

ARMAND O. DeGRENIER,
WESLEY K. COLE,
ROYCE FITZPATRICK,
Selectmen of Southbridge, Mass.

A true copy. Attest:

BLAISE TRUDEAU,
Constable of Southbridge.
April 2, 1956

Southbridge, Mass.

Worcester, ss:

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Southbridge by posting up attested copies of the same in four (4) conspicuous public places, namely: Town Hall, Metro Bros., Laughnane's News Room and Lippe's Market and now return this warrant with my doings thereon, as above described this 2nd day of April, 1956.

Signed by:

BLAISE TRUDEAU, Constable
On April 2, 1956.

Received: 4/2/56 at 9:30 A. M.

Attest:

CLARE P. BOYER,
Town Clerk.

A true copy. Attest: CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES — APRIL 24, 1956

REPUBLICAN PARTY — Total vote cast 95

Delegates at large and alternate delegates at large to National Convention.

Delegates:

Christian A. Herter, Causeway St., Millis	86
Leverett Saltonstall, Smith St., Dover	85
Joseph W. Martin, Jr., 54 Grove St., N. Attleborough	80
Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., 275 Hale St., Beverly	85
Sinclair Weeks, 15 Arlington St., Boston	78
Elmer C. Nelson, Miscoe Rd., Mendon	69
Ralph H. Bonnell, 81 Arlington St., Winchester	72
Esther W. Wheeler, 105 Summer St., Malden	74
Robert F. Bradford, 106 Coolidge Hill, Cambridge	76
Thomas Pappas, 323 Marsh St., Belmont	70
Blanks	175
TOTAL	950

Alternate Delegates:

Basil Brewer, 89 Hawthorne St., New Bedford	66	
Bruce Crane, 45 Main St., Dalton	69	
Katherine G. Howard, 186 Summer Ave., Reading	69	
Charles J. Innes, 197 Bay State Rd., Boston	70	
Daniel J. Lynch, 18 Louise Rd., Belmont	69	
Maxwell M. Rabb, 73 Green St., Brookline	70	
Richard F. Treadway, Sturbridge	83	
John A. Volpe, 10 Everett Ave., Winchester	70	
William W. White, 235 Pleasant St., Worcester	69	
Sumner G. Whittier, 103 Linden St., Everett	83	
Blanks	232	
TOTAL		950

District Delegates and Alternate District**Delegates to National Convention, 3rd District:****Delegates:**

Winfield A. Schuster, Main St., Douglas	84	
A. Andre Gelinas, 267 Pearl Hill Rd., Fitchburg	78	
Blanks	28	
TOTAL		190

Alternate Delegates:

Martha K. McVickar, 71 View St., Fitchburg	71	
Hannah F. Comerford, 24 Grove Ter., Leominster	71	
Blanks	48	
TOTAL		190

**State Committee, Worcester & Hampden District:
(One Man)**

Richard F. Treadway, Fiske Hill, Sturbridge	84	
Blanks	11	
TOTAL		95

**State Committee, Worcester & Hampden District:
(One Woman)**

Elisabeth M. Richards, 205 Pleasant St., Paxton	61	
Blanks	34	
TOTAL		95

Town Committee, Southbridge—35:

Seaver M. Rice, 97 Everett St.	84	
J. George Page, 416 Lebanon Hill	79	
Peter A. Lacasse, 474 Charlton St.	69	

Ferdinand Lemoine, 22 Edwards St.	69	
Everett F. Brown, 34 Woodland Ave.	79	
Albert J. Maramo, 243 Morris St.	71	
Rena E. Morse, 990 N. Woodstock Rd.	76	
Marie Ethel Lariviere, 97 Everett St.	77	
Arthur J. K. Delage, 74 Paige Hill	68	
Royce Fitzpatrick, 3 Winter St.	78	
Adrian A. Gaucher, 275 Marcy St.	73	
Richard G. Pinsonneault, 33 Orchard St.	66	
Robert S. Brown, 480 Dennison Drive	72	
Edward W. Staves, 479 Lebanon Hill	76	
Ellen E. Staves, 479 Lebanon Hill	73	
Loretta P. Fitzpatrick, 3 Winter St.	77	
Paul H. Haynes, 47 Newell Ave.	77	
Wesley K. Cole, 601 N. Woodstock Rd.	75	
Helen L. Morse, 7 Glover St.	76	
Catherine V. Harwood, 579 South St.	75	
J. Lionel Hebert, 117 Chapin St.	69	
William J. Orzech, 36 Clarke St.	71	
E. Kenneth Harwood, 579 South St.	79	
Mario J. DeAngelis, 12 Lebanon Hill	69	
Arthur H. Gaumond, 45 South St.	73	
Elizabeth Haynes, 47 Newell Ave.	5	
William McKinstry, 775 Dennison Dr.	5	
Louise Gibson, 2 Meadowbrook Rd.	5	
Charles Broskey, 61 Dennison Lane	5	
Ruth Brown, 34 Woodland Ave.	5	
Henry Gregoire, 34 Coombs St.	6	
Archie Keyes, 116 Dresser St.	5	
Frances Broskey, 61 Dennison Lane	5	
Blanks	1,429	
TOTAL		3,325

Presidential Preference:

Eisenhower	69	
Blanks	26	
TOTAL		95

DEMOCRATIC PARTY — Total vote cast **320**

Delegates at Large and Alternate Delegates at Large to National Convention:

John F. Kennedy, 122 Bowdoin St., Boston	200
Paul A. Dever, 86 Buckingham St., Cambridge	173
John W. McCormack, 726 Columbia Rd., Boston	166
John B. Hynes, 31 Druid St., Boston	148
William H. Burke, Jr., 70 Main St., Hatfield	148
Margaret M. O'Riordan, 71 Lakeville Rd., Boston	145

James M. Curley, 350 Jamaicaaway, Boston	152
Thomas J. Buckley, 21 Pinckney St., Boston	158
Edward J. Cronin, 13 Pine Crest Ave., Peabody	156
John E. Powers, 158 M St., Boston	140
Michael F. Skerry, 110 Sheridan Ave., Medford	135
Albert S. Previte, Jr., 20 Greenwood St., Lawrence	139
John A. Callahan, 17 Kenwood Pl., Lawrence	140
J. William Belanger, 2 Lillie Way, Boston	157
Daniel Rudsten, 23 Angell St., Boston	142
Ida R. Lyons, 21 Shelton Rd., Quincy	140
Garrett H. Byrne, 52 Tacoma St., Boston	137
Daniel B. Brunton, 29 Kendall St., Springfield	139
James D. O'Brien, 4 Hawthorne St., Worcester	154
John F. Kane, 80 Freedom St., Fall River	140
Howard W. Fitzpatrick, 100 Maple St., Malden	151
John S. Begley, 229 Cabot St., Holyoke	140
James J. Corbett, 55 Stone Ave., Somerville	140
Jackson J. Holtz, 72 Summer Rd., Brookline	139
Blanks	4,101
TOTAL	7,680

Alternate Delegates:

Joseph A. DeGuglielmo, 24 Arlington St., Cambridge	138
J. Henry Goguen, 163 7th St., Leominster	151
Chester A. Dolan, Jr., 20 Zamora St., Boston	141
Michael LoPresti, 30 Shawsheen Rd., Boston	134
Peter J. Rzeknikiewicz, 50 Park St., Ware	143
Francis E. Lavigne, 18 Yarmouth Ave., Brockton	147
Salvatore Camileo, 227 Brighton St., Belmont	131
Leonard J. Warner, 194 Western Ave., Westfield	127
Silas F. Taylor, 28 Warwick St., Boston	129
Mary A. Tomasello, 95 Bow Rd., Belmont	133
Hugh J. McLaughlin, 67 Bellingham St., Chelsea	130
Doris M. Racicot, 192 Chapin St., Southbridge	206
Anna Sullivan, 35 Hitchcock St., Holyoke	135
Mary DePasquale Murray, 19 Grant St., Milford	129
Charles N. Collatos, 169 Cedar Ave., Arlington	131
Anthony M. Scibelli, 200 Maple St., Springfield	130
Matthew L. McGrath, Jr., 551 VFW Parkway, Boston	133
Joseph Garczynski, Jr., 22 Lyman Rd., Chicopee	139
Edward Krock, R.F.D. No. 1, Brookfield	133
James R. Carter, 51 Basswood St., Lawrence	128
Thomas J. Hannon, 3 Monadnock St., Boston	130
Harry L. Silva, 151 Columbia Road, Boston	129
Jean S. LeCompte, 125 Jackson St., Newton	137
John F. Cahill, 405 Marlborough St., Boston	136
Blanks	4,380
TOTAL	7,680

**District Delegates and Alternate District
Delegates to National Convention, 3rd District:**

Delegates:

Joseph F. Gibney, 119 Thompson Rd., Webster	148	
Elizabeth A. Stanton, 102 Cedar St., Fitchburg	110	
Paul H. Benoit, 771 Lebanon Rd., Southbridge	245	
Solomon Rosenbaum, 18 Mechanic St., Fitchburg	108	
Blanks	669	
TOTAL		1,280

Alternate Delegates:

Davitt M. Rooney, 23 Squier St., Palmer	117	
Philip A. Quinn, 101 Main St., Spencer	178	
Blanks	345	
TOTAL		640

Delegates (not grouped):

Daniel F. Murray, 3 Prospect St., Millbury	88	
Blanks	232	
TOTAL		320

**State Committee, Worcester & Hampden District:
(One Man)**

Stanley J. Nurek, Hardwick	33	
Roger L. Putnam, Jr., Longmeadow	101	
Paul Benoit, Southbridge	1	
Blanks	185	
TOTAL		320

**State Committee, Worcester & Hampden District:
(One Woman)**

Doris M. Racicot, 192 Chapin St., Southbridge	212	
Gertrude Gendron, 184 Morris St., Southbridge	5	
Blanks	103	
TOTAL		320

Democratic Town Committee:

Hermas Lippe, 214 Marcy St.	192	
Norbert C. Benoit, 548 Dennison Dr.	208	
Willard R. Stark, 66 Central St.	158	
Joseph A. Piasta, 110 Old Sturbridge Rd.	149	
Joseph E. Benoit, 27 Walcott St.	197	
Peter Graf, 205 Main St.	157	
Blaise Trudeau, 50 Central St.	167	
Hormidas Beaudry, 1 Cedar St. (proposed)	162	

James T. Lapriore, 65 North St.	153
Valmore Gauthier, 5 Fiske St.	153
Chester J. Maska, 655 Worcester St.	158
Leon F. Livernois, 183 Worcester St.	144
Arthur H. Bachand, 43 Randolph St.	164
Edgar McCann, 39 Worcester St.	157
J. Gerard Nolet, 17 Rose St.	173
Leo J. Cournoyer, 384 Main St.	218
Theophile Morin, 401 Morris St.	152
Ernest A. Farland, 15 Chestnut St.	166
Roland G. Hetu, 788 Worcester St.	173
Rosario C. Arpin, 20 Lens St.	185
Paul H. Benoit, 771 Lebanon Hill	218
Stavri B. Yanka, 127 Chestnut St.	131
Raymond L. Boucher, 44 Lebanon Hill	163
George S. Duquette, 41 High St.	141
Alphonse V. Renna, 750 Worcester St.	152
Vincent T. Walsh, 23 Edwards St.	156
Clare P. Boyer, 199 Chapin St.	205
James J. Fallon, 338 Lebanon Hill	146
Charles E. Hart, 41 Westwood Parkway	152
A. Raymond Dartt, 20 Williams St.	149
John J. O'Shaughnessy, 250 Lebanon Hill	163
Joseph Costa, 46 South St.	142
John M. Beaudry, 12 Charlton St.	171
Joseph V. Langevin, 102 Mechanic St.	164
Alberic Petit, 5 Oliver St.	149
Blanks	5,412
TOTAL	11,200

Presidential Preference:

Stevenson	75
McCormack	30
Kefauver	19
Kennedy	2
Ike	5
Putnam	2
Blanks	187
TOTAL	320

(Finished at office at 4:15 A. M. 4/25/56)

A true record of the votes cast as returned by the Election Officers and tabulated by the Town Clerk.

A true copy. Attest: CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk.

Special Town Meeting

APRIL 30, 1956

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss:

To either of the constables of the Town of Southbridge, in the County of Worcester:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Southbridge aforesaid qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of Southbridge on Monday, April 30, 1956, at 7:30 P. M., to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase from H. J. Proulx the parcel of land located in West Dudley, Mass., south of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. line, said parcel of land containing seven (7) acres, more or less, said parcel of land having deposits of sand and gravel needed by the Town, and raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money to pay for said parcel of land, or act anything thereon.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase, for the consideration of one (1) dollar, a parcel of land and the necessary easements and right of way thereto, from the Southbridge Finishing Co., Inc., its successors and assigns; said parcel of land being located in Southbridge, in the rear of 381 and 393 East Main Street; said parcel of land having structures thereon for the control of waters of the Quinebaug River; said parcel of land being approximately square; the dimensions of said parcel being approximately 100 feet each to the north and the east and the west and to land of others on the south; said distances being measured from a point established in the center of the existing dam structure across the Quinebaug River, or act anything thereon.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$26,399.11 from the "State Reimbursement Flood Abate-ments" account to the "Overlays 1955 Account," as recommended by the Division of Accounts. This amount was paid by the State as a reimbursement on Real, State and Personal Property taxes caused by the flood of August 19, 1955, or act anything thereon.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the purpose of furnishing 85' of 12" pipe, 3' of 2" pipe, blind flange, and flange

flap gate to be included in the construction of the Charlton Street bridge to provide emergency overflow to inverted siphon to be built with the construction of this bridge, or act anything thereon.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$34.84 to pay for the additional cost on the Town Annual Report, or act anything thereon.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money in the amount of a large elm tree including roots, located on Town property near the Elm Street Fire Station, or act anything thereon.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Southbridge Library Alterations and Improvement Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue its voting precincts; and vote that subsequent elections within the Town shall be held as if no such division had been made; all as provided by Section 9 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, or act anything thereon.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$2,000.00 to pay for additional street lights on new streets and the lighting of the Depot Parking Lot, said amount to be added to the Street Lighting Account voted at Annual Town Meeting held March 12, 1956, or act anything thereon.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money in the amount of \$190.00 for a proper mimeograph machine for the Selectmen's office and for use in various departments under the supervision of the Selectmen's office, or act anything thereon.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws and zoning map, by changing from Multiple Family District and Retail Business District, to General Business District, the following area, beginning at the present terminus of the General Business District on Olney Avenue, southerly to the corner of Worcester Street and Charlton Street, then easterly along Charlton Street to the corner of Mechanic Street, then northerly to Olney Avenue, then westerly to the corner of Olney Avenue and Worcester Street, also on easterly side of Mechanic Street from the corner of Charlton Street, northerly to the corner of Randolph Street, or act anything thereon.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Damage to Persons and Property Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to adopt and make such orders and By-Laws as proposed by the Town By-Law Committee, said proposed by the Town By-Law Committee, said proposed By-Laws now on file in the office of the Town Clerk, said proposed By-Laws being dated February 2, 1956, or act anything thereon.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer, a sum of money to be used to publish new or Revised Town By-Laws, as required by Section 32 of Chapter 40 and other provisions of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, or act anything thereon.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to establish a permanent Town By-Law Committee, said Committee to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, to study and assemble all Town By-Laws and make annual suggestions and recommendations for revision and amendments to existing By-Laws, and further, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer, a sum of money to be used as compensation for said committee members, the expenses of said committee and/or compensation for a part-time clerk, or act anything thereon.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money to pay Albert Loomis, of 98 Charlton Street, for the removal of a building and for the purchase of approximately 1,400 square feet of land necessary for the building of the Charlton Street bridge, as shown on plan drawn by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, entitled "Charlton Street Bridge Over Cady Brook," No. S-21-13, or any amendment or changes to be made to said plan on file in the Town Engineer's office, or act anything thereon.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Dennison Drive from the existing terminus opposite land of Alfred Blair, southwesterly for a distance of approximaetly 175 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money to pay for the erecting of a chain-link fence, maintenance of bridge and approaches, providing a traffic officer, and any other damages at proposed site of Bailey bridge off Mechanic Street over the

Quinebaug River, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease for a period of not more than two (2) years the necessary land for a public way to and from said Bailey bridge, or act anything thereon.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to create position of draftsman in the Engineering Department, and that this classification be listed in the Griffen-Hagen Report accepted at Town Meeting held March 8, 1954, and this classification pay the minimum rate of \$3,000.00 and a maximum of \$4,300.00 and further to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of \$400.00 for this purpose, or act anything thereon.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$400.00 for the renewing of water service at the Depot Parking Lot from Central Street westerly for a distance of approximately ninety (90) feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$25,000.00 for Snow & Ice Removal, said amount to be added to the Snow & Ice Account as voted at Annual Town Meeting held March 12, 1956.

A true copy. Attest: CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk.

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING — APRIL 30, 1956

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P. M. by Moderator Rosario Normandin.

VOTED: That the reading of the warrant be dispensed with. Also the officer's return thereon.

The Moderator requested the voters for their unanimous consent that the reading of articles by him be dispensed with.

So moved and seconded.

Unanimously voted in the affirmative.

The Moderator announced the following: that the recommendations of the Finance Committee be accepted as motions and that said motions be considered as seconded. However, motions could be presented from the floor and these motions presented from the floor would be considered first.

Article 1. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative that \$2,000.00 be transferred from Article 15, Depot Parking Lot resurfacing voted at Annual Town Meeting March 12, 1956, and \$1,000.00 be transferred from Oil for Roads Account in the Highway Department.

Article 2. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative that \$1.00 be taken from the tax levy of 1956.

Article 3. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for \$29,159.75.

Article 4. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for \$400.00 from the tax levy of 1956.

Article 5. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for \$34.84 from the tax levy of 1956.

Article 6. VOTED: in the affirmative for \$450.00 from the tax levy of 1956.

Article 7. VOTED: in the affirmative for \$1,000.00 from the tax levy of 1956.

Article 8. At this time Mr. Maska, Tree Warden, requested reconsideration of the vote taken on Article 6. The Moderator entertained a motion to reconsider.

No motion submitted.

No reconsideration.

Article 8. The following substitute motion presented, seconded and carried:

VOTED: that the Town discontinue its voting precincts and that subsequent elections within the Town shall be held as if no such division had been made, all as provided by Section 9 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

Count of hands by Moderator.

Result of count by Moderator.

Affirmative 83

Negative 65

Result of count challenged.

Moderator named three (3) tellers.

Moderator asked voters to vote again (hand vote).

Result of count: (announced by Moderator).

Affirmative 112

Negative 91

It's a vote.

Article 9. VOTED: in the affirmative for \$2,000.00 from the tax levy of 1956.

Article 10. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative that the purchase be made and paid from the current Selectmen's Expense appropriation.

Article 11. Substitute motion presented by Mr. Walsh of the Planning Board. Said substitute motion seconded and carried:

VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative to amend the Zoning By-Laws and Zoning map by changing from Multiple Family District and Retail Business District to General Business District.

Mr. Walsh presented the Town Clerk with a marked map and a letter approving of this change. Said letter signed by five members of the Planning Board.

Report of the Town Planning Board:

June 26, 1956

Regarding the subject matter of Article 11 of the Town Warrant of April 30, 1956. A Special Town Meeting called. The Planning Board, after due notice had been published in the Southbridge News on Feb. 9, 16, 23, 1956, held a hearing as advertised, on Monday, February 27, 1956, in Room 15 of the Town Hall, at 8 P. M., at which hearing no person appeared in opposition to the zoning of the area as published in the News.

March 19, 1956

At the regular meeting of the Planning Board it was unanimously voted by the members after the discussion of the Bernard Guertin petition for a zone change that the Board would incorporate a change.

The change was to amend the zoning By-Laws and zoning map, by changing from Multiple Family District and Retail Business District, to General Business District, the following area beginning at the present terminus of the General Business District on Olney Ave., southerly to the corner of Worcester St. and Charlton St., then easterly along Charlton St. to the corner of Mechanic St., then northerly to Olney Ave., then westerly to the corner of Olney Ave. and Worcester St., also on easterly side of Mechanic St. from the corner of Charlton St., northerly to the corner of Randolph St.

Rec'd July 2, 1956 8:30 P. M.

Approved by
Planning Board:

EDWARD W. WALSH,
WILLIAM O'SHAUGHNESSY
ROLAND PONTBRIAND.

A true copy. Attest: CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk.

Boston, Mass., October 25, 1956

The foregoing amendment to zoning by-laws is hereby approved.

GEORGE FINGOLD,
Attorney General.

Published in Southbridge News, November 23, 24, 26, 1956.

Article 12. VOTED: in the affirmative for \$1,000.00 from the tax levy of 1956.

Article 13. The following motion made and seconded: (presented by: O. J. Laliberte).

I move that the proposed Amendments dated February 2, 1956 to the By-Laws of the Town of Southbridge, copies of which were sent to the Board of Selectmen by the Town By-Laws Committee with their letter dated February 28, 1956, and a copy of which has been on file in the office of the Town Clerk, available for inspection by any registered voter of the Town, be adopted in the form recommended by the Town By-Laws Committee.

The following amendment presented to above motion. Said amendment seconded and carried:

The following to be added to the proposed Town By-Laws as Article 40. (Town Engineer.)

Section 1. The Selectmen shall appoint an Engineer whose qualifications shall be those of "Grade E — Engineers and Chief Engineers," as provided by amendment to the revised Civil Service—Section 6, Chapter 19 of the revised Laws of the Commonwealth, or of any equivalent revision in said laws.

Section 2. The Selectmen may appoint the Engineer for the Town for a period of three (3) years. Said Engineer shall perform all engineering work required by the Town.

Section 3. He shall have complete charge of the Engineering Department and shall be fully responsible for all employees of the Engineering Department.

Section 4. The Engineer shall prepare specifications for grades, bounds and materials, depths of all streets, sidewalks, sewers and other construction hereinafter built or charged to the Town; he shall recommend to the Board of Selectmen and his recommendations, when approved, shall be binding upon all departments concerned. He shall inspect all work done under his specifications and shall be responsible for the fulfillment of all his requirements. He shall prepare maps or sketches of all Town property and shall be responsible to the Board of Selectmen for all Town maps, drawings and records pertaining to streets, sidewalks, sewer location and pipes, retained in his possession.

Section 5. In his Annual Report, he shall review the work done during the year and shall make recommendations which he may deem best for the welfare of the town.

Results of vote on Article 13:

(Count of hands by Moderator.)

Affirmative 42

Negative 33

It's a vote.

REVISED BY-LAWS OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

Adopted by Town April 30, 1956

Approved by Attorney General June 6, 1956

Committee Members

OSWALD J. LALIBERTE, Chairman
ALFRED FERRON
MITCHELL J. KURPOSKA
JOHN O. MARTIN
DANIEL W. MORRILL
J. BELDEN SLY

ARTICLE I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. The By-Laws of the Town of Southbridge Adopted by the Town March 11, 1929 and approved by the Attorney General May 29, 1929 are hereby amended and supplemented with respect to their provisions dealing with Town Meetings; Town Seal; Finance Committee; Selectmen; Requirements in Town Contracts; Contracts by Town Officers; Competitive Bids; Streets; Sidewalks; Junk Dealers; Rubbish; Prosecutions and Penalties; Wiring Regulations; Plumbing Regulations, and Building Regulations.

Section 2. Any By-Law contradictory of or inconsistent with these By-Laws is hereby repealed.

Section 3. The repeal of a By-Law shall not thereby have the effect of reviving any By-Law theretofore repealed.

Section 4. The repeal of a By-Law heretofore adopted shall not affect any act done, ratified, confirmed or any right accrued or established or any action, suit or proceeding commenced or had in a civil case, nor affect any punishment, penalty or forfeiture incurred under such By-Law, nor shall these By-Laws be retroactive.

Section 5. Any By-Law now in full force and effect and not contradictory of or inconsistent with these By-Laws is not changed or repealed by these By-Laws.

Section 6. Words and phrases specifying or naming any officer, board or committee of the Town, shall be construed as including the lawful successor, or the person or persons having the powers and performing the duties of such officer, board or committee.

Section 7. When in a By-Law anything is prohibited from being done without the license or permission of a certain officer, board or committee, such officer, board or committee shall have the right to license or permit such thing to be done.

Section 8. Any or all of these By-Laws may be repealed or amended or other By-Laws may be adopted by the vote of two-thirds at any town meeting, an article or articles for that purpose having been inserted in the warrant for such meeting by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE II VOTING PRECINCTS

Disapproved by the Attorney General.

ARTICLE III TOWN MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual town meeting for the election of the Town officers shall be held on the First Friday of March of each year.

Section 2. All business of the annual town meetings, except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as are required by law to be selected or determined by ballot, shall be considered at an adjournment of such meeting to be held on the second Monday following the first Friday of March at 7:00 P. M. at a place or places designated on the warrant by the Selectmen.

Section 3. Notice of every town meeting shall be given by publishing an attested copy of the warrant at least twice in a newspaper or newspapers regularly printed within the town and by posting such attested copies in at least six public places in the Town, not less than seven days before the day fixed for such meeting. Said warrant to be prepared by the Selectmen.

Section 4. In addition to the notifications required by the foregoing section, the Selectmen shall, at the annual town meeting for the election of officers, furnish a ballot of candidates, and at each Precinct voting place make available to the voters copies of the recommendations of the Finance Committee with respect to the matters in the warrant for the adjourned Town Meeting to be held on the succeeding Monday. At every town meeting for the transaction of business, the Selectmen shall furnish for all attending voters, copies of the warrant together with the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

Section 5. As soon as practicable after the adjournment of any town meeting, on a vote to adjourn to another day the clerk shall cause a brief statement of the day and hour to which the adjournment was voted and of the business remaining to come before the meeting, to be posted in at least six public places within the town, and if the period of adjournment will permit, shall cause a similar notice to be published in a local newspaper.

Section 6. One hundred and fifty registered voters at any town meeting for the transaction of business shall constitute a quorum. A motion to adjourn shall not require a quorum.

Section 7. The moderator may appoint tellers, who shall permit only registered voters to enter any town meeting. The stage may be occupied under the direction of the moderator.

Section 8. Articles of the warrant shall be acted upon in the order in which they appear unless otherwise determined by vote of the meeting.

Section 9. All motions requiring expenditure of money shall be presented in writing. Other motions shall be in writing unless permitted by the moderator to be presented orally.

Section 10. If a motion is susceptible of division, it shall be divided and the question shall be put separately upon each part thereof, if seven registered voters so request.

Section 11. When a question is before the meeting, the following motions, namely: to adjourn; to lay on the table; for the previous question; to postpone to a time certain; to commit, recommit or refer; to amend; to postpone indefinitely; shall be received and shall have precedence in the foregoing order; and the first three shall be decided without debate.

Section 12. On proposed amendments involving sums of money, the larger or largest amount shall be put to the question first, and an affirmative vote shall be a negative vote on any smaller amount.

Section 13. Any person, who is not a registered voter, shall be admitted to a town meeting and shall be allowed to address a meeting only upon unanimous consent of the registered voters at the meeting. Any person who is employed as an attorney or who represents another in any matter under discussion at a town meeting shall disclose the fact of his employment before speaking thereon.

Section 14. When a question is put, the sense of the meeting shall be determined by a show of hands, and the moderator shall declare the vote as it appears to him. If the decision of the chair is doubted, or a division of the house is called for, the moderator shall request all persons in the house to be seated, and may appoint tellers. The question shall then be distinctly stated, and those voting in the affirmative and negative respectively, shall rise and stand in their places until they are counted by the moderator or tellers, if any. No person shall be counted who does not comply with the request to occupy a seat, if seats in the hall are available. If there are not available seats, those standing shall be counted separately by a show of hands.

Section 15. The meeting may order that the vote on any motion shall be taken by a "Yes or No" ballot in writing.

Section 16. No person shall speak more than once on any question to the exclusion of any other person who may desire to speak thereon, nor more than twice without first obtaining leave of the meeting, except, in either case, for the brief correction of an error in or misunderstanding of his previous statement.

Section 17. No person shall speak for more than ten minutes on any question unless his time shall be extended by vote of the meeting.

Section 18. No vote of the meeting shall be reconsidered unless notice of intention to ask for reconsideration shall have been given within one hour after the vote to which such notice relates has been passed. When a motion for reconsideration is decided, that decision shall not be reconsidered, and no question shall be reconsidered more than once; nor shall any vote be reconsidered on a motion to adjourn, to lay on the table, or for the previous question.

Section 19. Whenever Town officials appoint individuals to serve on Town Committees or Boards, such appointing officials shall immediately notify the Town Clerk in writing of the names of such appointed individuals.

Section 20. All committees shall report as directed by the town. If no report is made within a year after its appointment, a committee shall be discharged unless, in the meantime, the town shall have granted an extension of time.

Section 21. No motion the effect of which would be to dissolve the meeting, shall be in order until every article in the warrant therefor has been duly considered and acted upon, but this shall not preclude the postponement of consideration of any article to an adjournment of the meeting at a stated time and place.

ARTICLE IV

TOWN OFFICERS

Section 1. The Selectmen shall have the general direction and management of the property and affairs of the town in all matters not otherwise provided for by law or these By-Laws.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk immediately after every town meeting to notify in writing all members of committees who may be elected or appointed at such meeting, stating the business upon which they are to act and the names of the persons composing the committees, and also to notify in writing all officers, boards and committees, of all votes passed at such meeting in any way affecting them.

ARTICLE V

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Section 1. There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of fifteen registered voters of the town, no one of whom shall be a town official elected by ballot, or an appointed official receiving a salary. The Board of Selectmen shall appoint annually, five members to serve for a term of three years each. The members of this Committee shall serve without compensation.

Section 2. The term of office of said members shall commence on May 1st of the year of their appointment.

Section 3. Said Committee shall meet and organize before June 1st of each year.

Section 4. Said Committee shall choose its own Chairman and Secretary. Any unexpired term on said Committee shall be filled promptly by a majority vote of the members of said Committee. To this Committee shall be referred all articles of the Warrant calling for appropriations. The Committee shall consider all matters proposed to be acted on at town meetings. It shall be the duty of the Selectmen after drawing the Warrant to transmit promptly a copy of the same to each member of the Finance Committee. The officers of the town shall furnish the Committee with facts, figures and inventories relating to the operation of their departments during the preceeding fiscal year and relating to their budget requests for the current fiscal year at least thirty days prior to the annual town meeting and any other information when-

ever requested by said Committee. The Finance Committee shall report in writing or otherwise to all town meetings. The report to the annual town meeting for the transaction of business other than the election of officers shall be in writing.

Section 5. If any member is absent from five consecutive meetings of said Committee, except in case of illness, his position shall be deemed to be vacant and shall be filled as herein provided.

Section 6. In the discharge of its duty, said Committee shall upon request have free access to all books of record and accounts, bills and vouchers on which money has been or may be paid by the town, or any officer of the town in his official capacity.

ARTICLE VI

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Section 1. The School Committee shall consist of seven members elected for terms of three years each. At the annual election next following the adoption of these By-Laws there shall be elected three members for terms of three years each, and at each third annual election thereafter three members shall be elected for terms of three years each and at each other annual election two members shall be elected for terms of three years each.

ARTICLE VII

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Section 1. An audit of the accounts of the town shall be made annually under the supervision of the state division of accounts as provided by section thirty-five of Chapter Forty-four of the General Laws.

Section 2. Each officer, board or committee authorized to spend money shall, on or before December twentieth of each year, transmit to the town accountant all unpaid bills outstanding as of that date.

Section 3. No officer, board or committee having the disbursement of an appropriation shall make purchases of supplies or materials or contract for services to be rendered the town without issuing a written purchase order therefor on prescribed forms; provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to the salaries or wages of officers and persons regularly or temporarily employed by the town. Copies of all purchase orders are to be designated for

and delivered to the town accountant; provided, however, that verbal orders for supplies or materials or services to be rendered may be issued for an amount not to exceed Twenty-five Dollars. All verbal orders shall be confirmed in writing on the prescribed purchase order forms on the day the orders are given and transmitted immediately to the town accountant to be so certified and recorded.

Section 4. The town accountant shall prescribe the methods of accounting and the forms to be used by the several officers, boards and committees of the town pertaining to their receipts and disbursements, and shall provide that such methods and forms shall conform to the requirements prescribed by law or any rules or regulations made thereunder.

Section 5. The Town Collector shall collect, all accounts due the town except interest on investments of trust funds.

Section 6. All accounts coming due the town shall forthwith be committed by the several officers, boards and committees of the town to the town collector, together with all available information in relation thereto.

Section 7. If it shall seem advisable to the town collector that suit shall be instituted on behalf of the town for the establishment or collection on any account due the town, he shall so notify the selectmen, and he shall report to them from time to time, as they may direct, upon all uncollected accounts in his hands. The selectmen shall take such action with respect to all such accounts as they deem expedient and consistent with the interests of the town.

Section 8. The town collector shall, at least once in each week, pay over to the town treasurer all money received by him on every such account, including any sums received as interest on moneys received by him on such accounts and deposited in any bank.

Section 9. Every officer shall on or before the tenth of each month pay into the treasury of the town all amounts received by him during the preceding month on behalf of the town except as otherwise provided by law and shall make a true return thereof to the town accountant, stating the accounts upon which such amounts were received.

ARTICLE VIII

CONTRACTS BY TOWN OFFICERS

Section 1. No officer of the town shall in his official capacity make or pass upon or participate in making or pass-

ing upon, any sale, contract or agreement or the terms or amount of any payment in which the town is interested and in which such officer has any personal financial interest, direct or indirect.

Section 2. No town officer and no salaried employee of the town, or any agent of any such officer or employee, shall receive any compensation or commission for work done by him for the town, except his official salary and fees allowed by law, without the permission of the selectmen expressed in a vote which shall appear on their records with the reasons therefor.

Section 3. No contract involving an obligation of the town in excess of Twenty-five Dollars shall be binding upon the town unless it is in writing and is signed by at least a majority of the board or committee duly authorized or having control of the appropriation against which such obligation is incurred; and such board or committee shall make a record of every such contract in a book which shall be the property of the town.

Section 4. Every contract exceeding One Thousand Dollars shall be accompanied by a suitable bond for the performance of the same, or by the deposit of money or security to the amount of such bond if so requested by the officer or board authorized to make the contract.

Section 5. No board or officer shall make any contract in behalf of the town, the execution of which shall extend beyond one year from the date thereof, except as otherwise provided by law, unless specific authority to do so has been given by vote of the town.

Section 6. (a) No contract shall be awarded for any work or service to be performed for the town, other than professional service or service performed by a person regularly employed by the town as part of the duties of such employment, and no purchase of materials, supplies or equipment shall be made, the estimated cost of which in either case is Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) or more, unless competitive bids have been invited therefor. Such bids shall be invited by public advertisement by at least one insertion in a newspaper published in Southbridge. Such invitations shall state where plans and specifications for proposed work or purchases may be obtained, and the time and place at which bids will be opened, and shall reserve to the town the right to reject any or all bids. All bids shall be opened in public. No purchase, and no service or work for which a contract is proposed, shall be split or divided for the purpose of evading the provisions of this section.

(b) The selectmen may exempt a purchase or contract from any or all of the provisions of the preceding section when, in their opinion, an emergency exists requiring immediate action on such purchase or contract to protect the health and safety of persons or property, or when no reasonable substitute can be obtained for the article or service to be purchased or contracted for. Evidence indicating that such an emergency exists, or that no reasonable substitute for a purchase or service can be obtained shall be furnished to the selectmen in writing by the officer, board or committee making such purchase or contract, and shall be kept on file with other records of such transactions.

ARTICLE IX

LEGAL AFFAIRS

Section 1. The selectmen shall be agents of the town to institute, prosecute and defend any and all claims, actions and proceedings to which the town is a party or in which the interests of the town are or may be involved, except as otherwise provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 118A, as amended.

Section 2. The selectmen in their annual reports shall state what actions have been brought against and on behalf of the town, what cases have been compromised or settled, and the current standing of all litigation involving the town or any of its interests.

Section 3. The selectmen shall annually in March, after final adjournment of the annual town meeting, appoint a registered voter of the town, who is a member of the bar in good standing, to serve as town counsel for the term of one year from the first day of April following and until his successor is appointed and enters upon the performance of his duties. They shall likewise fill any vacancy in said office for the unexpired term, and may employ special counsel to assist the said town counsel whenever, in their judgment, necessity therefor arises.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the town counsel to conduct the prosecution or defense of claims, actions and proceedings to which the town is a party, and the prosecution of actions or proceedings by or on behalf of any town officer, board or committee as such; to conduct the defense of any action or proceedings brought against any town officer, board or committee as such when the selectmen, having determined that any right or interests of the town are or may be involved therein, shall so request; to conduct proceedings brought by or against the assessors before the board of tax appeals; to as-

sist in the prosecution of complaints for violation of any By-Law of the town, when requested so to do by the board or officer enforcing the same; to examine and report upon titles to all land to be acquired by the town; to prepare or approve contracts, bonds, deeds and other legal instruments in which the town is a party or in which any right or interest of the town is involved; to appear at any and all hearings on behalf of the town whenever his services may be required; and generally to advise and act for the town officers, boards and committees upon and in legal matters touching the duties of their respective offices.

ARTICLE X

RECORDS AND REPORTS

Section 1. All officers, boards and committees of the town, shall cause records of their doings and accounts to be kept in suitable books. Said books shall be kept in their respective places in the town offices, and shall not be removed therefrom. Said books shall, unless otherwise provided by law, be open to public inspection at any reasonable time, but shall remain during such inspection under supervision of the officer, board or committee having custody thereof.

Section 2. All officers, boards, standing committees and special committees of the town having charge of the expenditure of town money shall annually report thereon in writing in such manner as to give the citizens a fair and full understanding of the objects and methods of such expenditures, referring however, to the report of the town accountant for statements in detail of receipts and payments, and may make therein such recommendations as they deem proper. Such reports shall be submitted to the selectmen for inclusion in the annual town report on or before the fifteenth day of January of each year.

Section 3. The annual town report shall contain, in addition to the reports of officers, boards and committees as heretofore provided, a detailed report of all moneys received into and paid out of the town treasury in the financial year next preceding, showing separately payments made from the proceeds of loans as capital outlays for permanent improvements; the report of the collector of taxes, of receipts, payments and abatementments; statements of all funds belonging to the town or held for the benefit of its inhabitants, a statement of the liabilities of the town on bonds, notes, certificates of indebtedness or otherwise, and of indebtedness authorized but not incurred, and the purpose thereof; a statement of transfers made to or from any appropriation; abstracts of the records of the meetings of the town held since publication

of the last annual report; and such other matters as the said report is required by law to contain, or as may be inserted by the selectmen under the discretion granted them by Law.

ARTICLE XI

TOWN SEAL

Section 1. The town seal shall include thereon the words "Southbridge, Mass. Incorporated February 15, 1816" and the words "The Eye of the Commonwealth" as shown on the attached sample. Said seal shall be kept in the custody of the town clerk.



ARTICLE XII

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

Section 1. No person shall place or maintain any sign, awning, canopy, shade or frame for the same, in or over any street without first obtaining a permit from the selectmen so to do. In no case shall any sign, awning, canopy, shade or frame, be less than seven feet above the sidewalk, nor extend into the street beyond the line of the sidewalk. The selectmen may require a bond to insure performance.

Section 2. No person shall allow any gate or door belonging to premises under his control, and adjoining any public way, to swing on, over or into said public way.

Section 3. No person shall place or cause to be placed in any of the public streets or squares, or upon any public sidewalk, without first obtaining a written permit from the selectmen therefor, any wood, lumber, coal or other obstruction.

Section 4. No person shall sweep, rake or throw, or place any rubbish or other like substance upon any sidewalk or

street in the town, except in containers for the sole purpose of collection by employees or agents of the town during designated periods of collection.

Section 5. No person shall coast upon any sidewalk or upon any street, except at such times, and in such places as may be designated by the selectmen.

Section 6. No person shall distribute, display, place or cause to be distributed, displayed, or placed, any posters, handbills, placards, signs, notices or similar material in or upon any sidewalk, street, public building or other public property in the town without first obtaining a permit from the Selectmen or from the Chief of Police acting under authority delegated by the Selectmen.

Section 7. No person shall in any manner injure any of the drinking fountains or public grounds of the town, nor shall throw or place any substance into the same or into any of the public waters of the town.

Section 8. No person shall play upon any musical instrument, or form any public gathering in any street or public place in the town without a written permit therefor from the selectmen.

Section 9. No person, except the Selectmen, Highway Department, and Sewer commissioners in the lawful performance of their duties or those acting under their orders or those who are otherwise properly authorized, shall break up or dig in any street or public way in the Town without first obtaining a written permit from the Selectmen which permit shall state the regulations under which such excavation and restoration shall be done. All persons acting under such a permit, shall put up, erect, and maintain a suitable railing or fence around the part of the street so excavated so long as the same shall remain unsafe and inconvenient for travelers, and, he or they shall keep suitable lights attached to such railings or fence, or in some other way exposed every night from sunset until sunrise till the work is completed. The work or excavation done, under said permit, must be in accordance with such regulations and upon the completion of said work, the surface of said street or way shall be promptly restored as specified in the permit.

Section 10. Whenever a department of the town is about to construct or repair any street or way, it shall before beginning the work, give reasonable notice of such intention to other departments and corporations affected thereby and to all abutting owners. After such notice has been given and work completed no department, corporation, or person shall for a space of one year break up or disturb the surface of

said street or way within the area so constructed and repaired except in the case of emergency.

Section 11. The selectmen upon the recommendation of the Town Engineer may order numbers to be affixed to or to be painted on the buildings on any street as they deem proper. The owner of every such building shall comply with said order within ten days thereafter.

Section 12. Any person who intends to repair or take down any building on land abutting on any way which the town is required to keep in repair and intends to make use of any portion of said way for the purpose of placing thereon building materials or rubbish, shall give notice thereof to the selectmen. Thereupon, the selectmen may grant a permit to occupy a portion of said way to be used for such purposes as in their judgment the necessity of the case and security of the public require; such permit, in no event to exceed a period of more than ninety days, shall contain such conditions as the selectmen may require; sufficient lights shall be so placed from sunset to sunrise as to protect all travelers from injury.

Section 13. The selectmen may, before granting such permits, require such persons to furnish a satisfactory bond to save the Town harmless from any damages that may arise from such obstructions in the street and to insure the faithful compliance with the conditions of said permit.

Section 14. No person shall erect, set up or maintain any fence, portico, roof, platform, or doorstep extending into or over any public highway or street.

Section 15. No person shall stop, or cause to stop a vehicle or carrier, in or on any public street so as to obstruct public travel; and no person shall stop or cause to stop a vehicle or carrier upon or across any crossing in any street or highway in the town.

Section 16. No person shall drive, wheel, or draw any cart, bicycle, wheelbarrow, handcart, wagon, except children's carriages or shopping carriages drawn by hand, upon any sidewalk in the town.

Section 17. No person shall break, remove, deface or otherwise injure any marker or bound which marks a street, line or public way or town land.

Section 18. All streets, hereafter laid out or accepted by the town as a street or public highway, shall be, at least forty (40) feet in width, unless otherwise determined by the selectmen, and shall not be accepted unless a plan showing in detail the location and proposed grade of such way is placed

on file with the Town Clerk seven days, at least, before the date of the town meeting at which the acceptance of such way as a street or public highway is requested and unless the surface of such way has been put in condition reasonably safe for public travel, conforming to the grade set forth in said plan by the land owner or owners proposing the acceptance of such street or way.

Section 19. No person shall extinguish any street light, nor extinguish or remove any light placed to denote an obstruction or defect in any street or way, without proper authority.

Section 20. Any truck or vehicle carrying waste paper or other material to the public dump or any other destination shall cover or bind or secure the load against being scattered in any street or public way.

Section 21. No person shall, in any street or way, throw stones, snowballs, sticks, or other missiles, nor play ball, kick a foot-ball, nor play any other games which interfere with the free, safe and convenient use of said street or way by any person traveling or passing along on same.

Section 22. No person shall hoist any material from any street or sidewalk into a building adjoining same so that said material by being hoisted shall overhang any part of the street or sidewalk without first obtaining a permit from the Chief of Police.

Section 23. No owner or tenant of premises abutting upon brick, concrete or other curbed or finished sidewalk, shall place or suffer to remain for more than seven hours between sunrise and sunset, any snow or ice upon such sidewalk, unless such snow or ice is covered with sand, sawdust or ashes, to prevent slipping. Such snow or ice may be removed from the sidewalk to the street, provided however, that the same is spread evenly at the time of removal and all adjoining hydrants cleared.

Section 24.—No person shall loiter or remain on any sidewalk or street after being directed by a police officer to move on. Three or more persons shall not remain in a group or near each other on any sidewalk or street, or in any doorway or entrance in such manner as to obstruct a free passage for pedestrians or vehicles after a request to move on made by a police officer.

Section 25. No person shall direct any harmful or offensive, derisive or annoying actions or words to any other person who is lawfully in any public place, nor deride, offend, or annoy such person or prevent such person from pursuing a lawful occupation.

Section 26. The selectmen shall have control of the public streets, sidewalks and grounds of the Town for all purposes of public gatherings, and no public assembly or parade on such places within the Town shall be permitted unless a written permit stating the time, place and purpose of such event has been issued by the Selectmen or by the Chief of Police acting under authority delegated to him by the Selectmen.

Section 27. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation; either as principal, agent, or employee, to play, use, or operate for advertising purposes, or for any other purpose whatsoever, on or upon the public streets, alleys, sidewalks, or thoroughfares in the town of Southbridge, any device known as a soundtruck, loudspeaker or sound amplifier, or radio or phonograph with a loudspeaker or sound amplifier, or any other instrument known as a calliope, or any instrument of any kind or character which emits therefrom loud and raucous noises and is attached to and upon any vehicle operated or standing upon said streets or public places aforementioned, unless a written permit stating the time, place and purpose of such event has been issued by the Selectmen or by the Chief of Police acting under authority delegated to him by the Selectmen.

Section 28. From November 15 through March 15 of each year between the hours of 2 A. M. and 6 A. M. there shall be no parking for a period longer than one-half hour on those portions of those streets which have parking meters, and on those streets or portions of those streets which are designated by the Board of Selectmen or the Chief of Police as follows: On the odd-numbered days of the month (first, third, fifth, etc.) parking shall be only on the side of the streets which have odd-numbered house numbers; on the even-numbered days of the month (second, fourth, sixth etc.) parking shall be on the side of the streets which have even-numbered house numbers. Those streets or portions of streets so designated shall be published in a local newspaper at least 3 times within the 2 weeks next preceding such effective date. Any vehicle in violation of this By-Law may be removed at the order of the Selectmen or the Chief of Police or their authorized representatives, and both the owner and operator of any such vehicle shall be liable to the town of Southbridge for a fine of not more than \$5 provided that, if the vehicle is removed for the purpose of snow removal, a towing charge of not more than \$5 and any reasonable storage charge may also be imposed.

ARTICLE XIII

TRESPASSING FOR IMPROPER PURPOSE

Section 1. No person shall enter upon private property for the purpose of or with the intent of looking in the window or door of any private dwelling. Any person observed violating this By-Law by an officer authorized to serve criminal process, if unknown to such officer, may be arrested without a warrant and kept in custody until he can be taken before a court having jurisdiction of the offence.

ARTICLE XIV

SOLICITORS, JUNK DEALERS, HAWKERS AND PEDLERS

Section 1. No person shall carry on the business of a keeper of a shop or yard for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metals or second hand articles, or sell, solicit or offer for sale on or in any public place or way or from house to house in the Town of Southbridge unless he is duly licensed therefor by the Selectmen and in accordance with the rules and regulations established by them.

ARTICLE XV

RUBBISH

Section 1. Within forty-eight (48) hours after being notified in writing by the Chief of the Fire Department that rubbish, ashes or waste matters have been permitted to accumulate upon property owned or occupied by the person notified, to an extent liable to cause or spread fire, said owner or occupant so notified shall cause to be removed such rubbish, ashes or waste matter.

ARTICLE XVI

PENALTIES

Section 1. Except when otherwise provided by law, prosecutions for offenses under the By-Laws of the town may be made by any constable or police officer of the town.

Section 2. Whoever violates any provisions of the Town By-Laws or refuses or neglects to obey any order of the Board of Selectmen issued under these By-Laws and directed to him and properly served upon him, shall in cases not otherwise provided for, forfeit and pay for each offense a fine not exceeding Twenty (\$20) Dollars.

ARTICLE XVII

TOWN GOVERNMENT

Section 1. Representatives of each elected or appointed committee of the Town of Southbridge shall meet in March and September of each year to discuss mutual problems affecting the government and management of the town. The dates of such meetings shall be established by the selectmen.

ARTICLE XVIII

WIRING REGULATIONS

Section 1. No person shall install wires, conduits, apparatus, fixtures or other appliances for carrying or using electricity for light, heat or power within, or connected to any building, without first notifying the Inspector of Wires, in writing, of the proposed installations.

Section 2. No wire, appliance or apparatus shall be covered or enclosed without first notifying and obtaining permission to do so from the Inspector of Wires. Said notification to be in his hands at least 24 hours before said work is covered or enclosed.

Section 3. No person or corporation shall do any electrical construction work, whether original work or alterations, without obtaining from the Inspector of Wires a written permit to do such work.

Section 4. The above Sections shall apply to all new construction and changes in existing construction in private dwellings and other buildings the owners of which do not regularly employ the full time services of a licensed electrician.

Section 5. The Inspector of Wires is hereby authorized to enforce the rules and regulations as contained and provided in the current edition of the "National Electric Code" of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, for the installation of Electric Wiring and Apparatus, and in accordance with the provisions and requirements therein contained.

Section 6. Whenever in the opinion of the Inspector of Wires, any electrical conductors or appliances used for the distribution or consumption of a current, or electricity for light, heat or power purposes are in a dangerous condition, he is hereby authorized to cause the current to be shut off, if the existing defect is not remedied within a reasonable time after written notice has been given to the owner or user of such defective conductor or appliance.

Section 7. No meter shall be installed without a written permit from the Inspector of Wires.

Section 8. Penalties for violation of any of the above Sections shall be in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 166 Section 32 as amended.

ARTICLE XIX

PLUMBING REGULATIONS

REGISTRATION AND NOTICES

Section 1. After acceptance of the following plumbing regulations all persons who desire to engage in, carry on or work at the business of plumbing within this jurisdiction shall be registered or licensed by the State Examiners of Plumbers, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 142, General Laws.

Every Plumber before commencing work in a building shall first, except in the case of the repair of leaks, file at the office of the Board of Health, upon blanks provided for that purpose, a notice of the work to be performed; and no such work shall be done in any building except in accordance with plans, to be submitted, if required, which shall be approved by the inspector of plumbing and a permit issued therefor. Permits to perform plumbing shall be issued to master plumbers only. Permits may be recalled if the conditions are violated. No septic tank shall be installed without a permit from the inspector of plumbing, for which a fee of 50 cents may be charged.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Section 2. The plumbing of each building shall have an independent connection to a public sanitary sewer outside of building, unless in the opinion of the Board of Health a separate connection is not feasible. If a public sanitary sewer is not available the sewerage shall be discharged into a cesspool or into a septic tank with an overflow into a cesspool or into a subsurface distribution system, the plans of which must be approved by the Board of Health before the connection is made.

DRAINAGE SYSTEM

Section 3. Drain and connecting ventilation pipes, vents and back air pipes shall be of sufficient size, and made of extra heavy cast iron pipe coated with hot tar or asphaltum if under ground, and if above ground shall be made of extra heavy cast iron pipe, lead pipe or of not less than iron size brass or copper pipe (or of copper tubing type K or L, with

sweat type fittings) within the building. Galvanized fittings and galvanized pipe may be used on vents. Connections between screw pipe and fittings shall be made with pipe and fittings of the same material, where practicable. Recessed fittings shall be used on drainage pipes and connections between such fittings and pipes shall be made with sharp tapered threads, and an approved pipe joint compound. No slip joints, unions, or flanges shall be used on the threaded wastes or vents except that slip joints may be used on inlet side of trap to connect fixtures. Where other than hub and spigot pipe is connected to cast iron hubs the joint shall be made by means of a caulking sleeve.

Lead pipe shall be of the following diameters and weights:

Diameter (inches)	Weight (pounds per foot)	Diameter (inches)	Weight (pounds per foot)
1½	3	3	6
2	4	4	8

Lead bends and traps shall correspond to the above weights. Brass sleeves for connecting lead and cast iron pipes shall be extra heavy, at least ⅛ of an inch thick and made of cast red metal. Brass solder nipples for connecting lead and threaded pipes shall be either cast red metal or seamless iron size brass or copper pipe, size and weight corresponding with pipe to be connected. In connecting lead pipe together or to brass caulking or soldering nipples, full sized wiped joints shall be used. Cleanouts, plugs, stoppers or any other fittings used in drainage system shall correspond in weight and material with above description.

Drain pipes above ground shall be secured by irons to walls, suspended from floor beams by strong iron hangers, or supported on brick piers at points sufficiently close to keep them in alignment and carry the weight of pipe and contents. Proper manholes shall be supplied to reach cleanouts and traps. Every drain pipe shall have a fall of not less than one-quarter inch per foot, and shall be extended from a point ten feet outside the inside face of the wall unobstructed, unless special permission has been granted by the Board of Health for the use of a running trap at the entrance to buildings; to and through the roof, undiminished in size, and to a height of not less than two feet above the roof and not less than one foot above the top of any window or opening within fifteen feet, and not less than eight feet above the roof if the roof is used for a garden or similar purpose. The drain pipe shall be supplied with a Y branch fitted with a brass cover cleanout or with an iron stopper if required, on the direct run, at or near the point where the drain leaves the building. Changes in direction shall be made with long angle and long sweep bends, and all connections with horizontal or vertical

pipes shall be made with Y branches. Soil and waste pipes shall have the proper Ty or Y branches for all fixture connections. Saddle hubs or double hubs shall not be used. All drain pipes shall be exposed to sight within the building, if such exposure is practicable, and shall not be subjected to pressure where they pass through the wall. All joints in hub and spigot cast iron pipe shall be made with oakum and molten lead, run full and caulked gas and water tight, and no cement joints nor connections between iron and cement or tile pipe or brick drains shall be made within any building.

Soil and waste pipes shall not have less than the following diameters:

Minimum branch waste	1½ inches
Minimum branch waste for urinals	2 inches
Branch waste for sinks	1½ inches
Branch waste for wash trays	1½ inches
Main waste	2 inches
Main waste for sinks, five floors or more	3 inches
Soil pipe (except as provided in section 7)	4 inches
Branch waste for sink and tray combination	2 inches
Slop sink waste	3 inches
Minimum branch waste for sinks equipped with grease traps	2 inches

STEAM EXHAUSTS

No steam or vapor or water of a temperature over one hundred and thirty degrees Fahrenheit shall be discharged from any premises into a sewer, drain or catch basin, nor shall any matter or thing be discharged into any sewer which may tend to cause obstruction of the sewer, or a nuisance or deposit therein or an injury thereto.

All pressure steam boilers connected to the drain shall be connected with a blow-off tank of a capacity not less than thirty percent of the largest boiler connected with such tank. The location of and the connections to said blow-off tank shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Health.

No steam exhaust or steam drip, unless it be connected with the blow-off tank, shall be connected with any drain leading to the sewer. Every blow-off tank shall be supplied with a vapor pipe not less than two inches in diameter which shall be carried above the roof and above the highest windows of the building.

The Board of Health may require such additional means of cooling the blow-off tanks by the injection of cold water or otherwise as may be necessary to reduce the temperature of the water passing from the blow-off tank so that it shall not exceed one hundred and thirty degrees Fahrenheit. The discharge from blow-off tanks shall be carried ten feet outside the building before entering house sewer.

TRAPS

Section 4. The waste pipe of every independent fixture shall be furnished with a separate trap, which shall be placed as near as practicable to the fixture which it serves. A combination sink and tray may be connected with the house drain through one drum trap or through a two inch $\frac{1}{2}$ S brass trap, when outlets are not over three feet six inches apart; but the outlet of each fixture shall enter the trap separately. Lead bends for water closets or slop sinks shall not be used to connect waste from other fixtures. The connections between drainage pipes and earthenware traps shall be made by means of brass or iron flanges caulked, soldered or screwed to the drainage pipes and bolted to the earthenware and the joint made of grafting wax, red or white putty, except in the case of water sealed flanges where an approved gasket may be used. All traps shall be of open form, and traps depending upon concealed partitions to retain their seal will not be approved, except for earthenware fixtures, where the trap seal is plainly visible. Trap screws for cleaning purposes shall be placed in all metal traps, and where such traps are placed in connection with fixtures, they shall be so installed that the water seal will protect the trap screw from sewer air. Traps shall be of lead, cast iron or brass, except that drum traps shall be of lead or brass.

SPECIAL TRAPS

Section 5. Special wastes and Traps. Drainage from stables, garages, laboratories, special fixtures and kitchens shall be installed in accordance with plans approved by the Board of Health.

When liquid wastes from barns, stables, manure pits and the stable yards are permitted to enter the sewer system, they shall be intercepted by a properly trapped catch basin of suitable size and design.

Washing machines should be connected with a deep sealed trap and an open inlet. No tapping of the soil pipe to be allowed.

All discharge lines from garages, service pits, washstands, and other structures where gasoline, naphtha or other inflammable oils or compounds are used shall be provided with a catch basin, properly trapped, or gasoline and oil interceptor approved by the Board of Health, so designed as to safeguard against the entrance of sand, oil, gasoline, or other inflammable compound into the sewers. The device shall be ventilated with a separate pipe to a point 3 feet above the roof. These catch basins and interceptors shall have the accumulated oil, gasoline or other inflammable liquids, sand, silt or other solids, removed at regular intervals.

Grease interceptors or grease traps of a type approved by

the Board of Health shall be installed on the waste pipes from all pot or dishwashing sinks or machines in every kitchen, pantry or serving room, except in private dwellings and in cases where said sinks or machines are connected directly to an outside grease trap by means of independent waste pipes. The trap shall be placed as near as practicable to the fixtures which it serves, shall be of sufficient size, easily accessible to open and clean. Every building from which, in the opinion of the Board of Health, grease may be discharged in such quantity as to clog or injure the sewer shall have a grease trap located outside the building at a point approved by the Board of Health.

Waste and vent pipes, traps and fittings serving fixtures in chemical laboratories shall be of approved acid-resisting materials made for the purpose. The arrangement of piping shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Health. So-called acid-resisting hub and spigot cast-metal pipe of the same dimensions as extra heavy cast-iron hub and spigot pipe or other approved corrosion-resisting pipe may also be used for waste and vent pipes.

CLEANOUTS

Section 6. Cleanouts, known as Boston Regulation Pattern, shall be placed at changes in direction and at foot of vertical stack, or other points necessary to make all portions of horizontal drainage system accessible for cleaning purposes at every fifteen feet.

BACK AIR PIPES, VENTS, ETC.

Section 7. All branches of soil or waste pipe, if more than fifteen feet in developed length, shall be extended through the roof undiminished in size or re-vented into the main vent system. All connections on lead waste and back air pipes and of lead pipes to brass ferrules and soldering nipples shall be full size wiped soldered joints. Traps shall be protected from siphonage or air pressure by iron, lead, brass or copper air pipes of a size not less than the waste pipes they serve. Continuous system shall be used and back air pipes shall not be connected to the trap or branched into the waste pipe except where a continuous vent is not practicable. Back air pipes shall enter the waste pipe within twenty-four inches measured horizontally of the trap and shall be a continuation of the waste pipe. Air pipes for water closet traps shall be of 2" internal diameter if for not more than three fixtures and less than thirty-five feet in length; if for not more than three fixtures or more than thirty-five feet in length, they shall be of 3" internal diameter. Air pipes shall run as direct as practicable, and if one and one-half inches in diameter shall not exceed thirty feet in length. Two or more air pipes may be

connected together or with a vent pipe, but, in every such case the connection shall be above the top of the fixture.

The traps for the upper fixtures on a line of soil or waste pipe if within five feet horizontal developed length of the stack and the outlets of which connect independently to the stack, shall not require a special air pipe unless the outlets are branched into the stack more than 18 inches below the floor line, or if the waste pipes from said traps are less than 3 inches in diameter and have more than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch per foot pitch. Diameters of vent pipes shall be not less than 2 inches for main vents through less than seven stories, three inches for water closets on more than three floors, and for other fixtures in more than seven stories. All vent and air pipes shall be at least four inches in diameter before passing through the roof. Vent lines shall be connected at the bottom with a soil or waste pipe or with a drain, in such manner as to prevent accumulation of rust scale and properly to drip the water of condensation. Offsets shall be made at an angle of not less than forty-five degrees. Drain soil, waste and vent pipes shall be supported at least every eight feet on horizontal runs, and at least once to every story on vertical lines. In buildings where a series of bathrooms or kitchens are located directly over each other and have a common soil or waste pipe the back air pipe required shall be a vent connecting with each outlet branch close to the water closet connection or outlet from the sink trap, each branch vent to connect to vent line above the top of the highest fixture on each floor, the vent line to connect to main vent line above the top of the highest fixture in the building. In the case of batteries of water closets, the special air pipe from each trap may be omitted, provided that the soil or waste pipe, undiminished in size for batteries up to and including four such water closets is continued to a point above the roof or re-vented into the main soil pipe system above the top of the uppermost fixture. Stall urinals and floor drains may have the same system of battery ventilation, providing the waste pipe is one inch larger than the traps of the fixtures they serve. The waste pipes from urinals shall be the size of the discharge opening in urinal and in no case shall it be less than two inches in diameter, unless wall hung, and in such case an inch and a half trap may be used.

A 3" soil or waste stack shall be sufficient for not more than two bath tubs, two water closets, two lavatories and two sinks or sink and tray combinations provided that all fixtures are vented except those entering the soil stack or waste pipe at the highest point on said pipe and that said stack shall connect into not less than a 4" soil or waste pipe.

UNIT SCHEDULE FOR ABOVE INSTALLATIONS

1 water closet	6 units	1 lavatory	1 unit
1 kitchen sink	1½ units	1 bath tub	2 units

1 laundry tray	3	units	1 combination fixture	3	units
1 urinal	3	units	1 shower bath	3	units
1 floor drain	3	units	1 slop sink	4	units
1 water closet, lavatory, bath tub or shower				8	units

Any combination of the fixtures contained in the foregoing (Unit Schedule) excluding urinals, not exceeding 22 units, may be used on a 3" soil or waste stack, as provided above.

All garbage disposal appliances connected to a plumbing system shall be connected to the waste or soil pipe independent of any other fixture with not less than a 2" waste pipe and shall be vented as per above.

SCHEDULE OF BACK AIR PIPES AND VENTS FOR FIXTURES

FIXTURES

	Size of Pipe (inches)	Greatest Length Allowed (feet)	Maximum Number of Fixtures
Baths, sinks, basins, urinals, sink and tray combination	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="font-size: 3em; margin-right: 5px;">}</div> <div> 1½ 2 3 </div> </div>	30 70 70	3 9 21
Water closets or slop sinks	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="font-size: 3em; margin-right: 5px;">}</div> <div> 2 3 </div> </div>	35 70	3 9

TESTING AND INSPECTION

Section 8. Pipes or other fixtures shall not be covered or concealed from view until approved by the Board of Health, except when in the case of an emergency or repair of leaks this would be impracticable. All work, including emergency and repair work, shall be examined and/or tested within two working days after notice is received by the Board of Health, that it is ready for inspection. Plumbing shall not be used unless, when roughed in the wastes, vents, back air pipes and traps are first tested, in the presence of a representative of the Board of Health, by water or sufficient air pressure if such test is practicable, and a final inspection shall be required when plumbing work is completed, and, if satisfactory, a certificate of approval shall be issued therefor to the plumber who signed the application.

WATER CLOSETS, ETC.

Section 9. Every building shall have such number of water closets as the Board of Health may require. Every building where persons are employed shall have at least one water closet for every fifteen persons employed therein; and in any building where persons of both sexes are employed,

separate accommodations shall be furnished for both men and women. No trapped plumbing fixture shall be located in any room or compartment which does not contain a window having an area of at least 3 square feet placed in an external wall of the building or which is not provided with an approved system of ventilation. Every enclosure, the walls and doors of which extend from floor to ceiling and in which is located one or more water closets or urinals shall have similar ventilation requirements. The Board of Health, may, by special permission, grant authority for installing a different system of ventilation than that described herein.

Water closets shall be flushed by water from tanks or by flushometer valves capable of delivering 5 gallons of water to the closets in 10 seconds or in the case of urinals, two gallons of water in 10 seconds. Water from water closet or urinal flush tanks shall be used for no other purpose.

Section 10. No water closet, urinal or any other fixture, appliance, appurtenance or device shall be directly supplied from a water distribution system through a flushometer, or other valve, faucet, bib or device unless such flushometer or other valve, faucet, bib or device and outlet therefrom is set at least 1.5 times the diameter of the outlet plus .50 inches above the maximum water level or the water is supplied to the outlet by way of an approved siphon breaker or vacuum breaker installed in approved manner.

All flushometers and back flow preventers (siphon breakers or vacuum breakers) shall be subject to a laboratory test by and the approval of the Department of Public Health. Backflow preventers shall be of the moving part and air vent type which shall be of such size and proportions as to allow an ample flow of water to fixture, a complete functioning unit installed separately or contained wholly within the flush valve body between the flush valve mechanism and the fixture. The preventer shall be of a non-corrodible material, shall not leak under any degree of back pressure and shall operate quietly. The device shall prevent a reduction of pressure in the flush pipe greater than one inch of water when the outlet end of the flush pipe is closed or submerged in water and a vacuum of 20 inches of mercury is applied on the supply side.

The critical level shall in no case be below the outlet connection, and when the critical level is above that point it shall be shown by a horizontal line not less than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch long and clearly stamped on the body the symbols C-L or C/L. When not indicated the critical level shall be considered as being at the level of the outlet end of the device. The critical level of backflow preventers when installed shall be located at least 4 inches above the flood level of the fixtures (Maximum water level) except where existing supplies, which do not permit an elevation of 4 inches, must be accommodated, the eleva-

tion of the critical level may be placed not less than 2 inches above the flood level of the fixture. Each backflow preventer shall be clearly marked with the manufacturer's name and sufficient additional information to identify it from any other model that is made or has been made by him.

STORM AND SURFACE WATER

Section 11. All roofs and paved areas, yards, courts and court yards shall be drained into the storm water drainage system but not into the separate sewers intended for sewage only except where the storm sewer is above the area way, in which case the area may be connected with the sanitary sewer if properly trapped and approved by the Board of Health.

When drains used for this purpose are connected with the combined sewerage systems they shall be effectually trapped. One trap may serve for all such connections but traps must be set below the frost line or inside of the building. Where there is no storm sewer accessible such connections shall be discharged in such manner as not to flow upon a public way or adjoining land.

Wherever a surface drain is installed in a cellar or basement it shall be provided with a deep sealed trap and back-water valve. Drain pipes from fixtures subject to back-flow from sewer shall be supplied with back-water valves.

INDIRECT, REFRIGERATION AND SPECIAL WASTES

Section 12. No waste pipe from a refrigerator, ice-box or cold room, any receptacle where food is stored, any sterilizer, autoclave, sterile water tank or any receptacle used to treat, process or store surgical or hospital supplies and equipment or any receptacle for storing or dispensing drinking water except drinking fountains which are properly trapped and vented shall connect directly with any house drain, soil or waste pipe. Such waste pipe shall in all cases empty over an open sink, floor drain or other fixture that is properly supplied with water, connected, trapped and vented the same as any other fixture and air gap of at least twice the diameter of the waste pipe shall be provided between the waste pipe and the receiving receptacle or waste pipe except that an open waste fitting or an approved back flow preventer will be permitted in lines from receptacles not subjected to a vacuum or directly connected to the water supply.

MECHANICAL DISCHARGE SYSTEM

Section 13. Fixtures that discharge into tank and from tank to pump or ejecter shall be protected from siphonage with not less than a four inch pipe up and through the roof. Tank shall be vented and vent pipe from tank may be connected to vent stack not less than twenty feet in height from

tank. No gravity fixture shall be vented into this system. Tank vent shall be same size as waste or soil pipe. No fixtures shall be connected to the discharge pipe from an ejector or pump between the ejector or pump and the point where it enters the house drain or sewer. When the drain is subject to backflow a check valve shall be used.

HOT WATER TANKS AND SAFETY APPLIANCES

Section 14. No range boiler, tank, vessel or container, ferrous or non-ferrous, in which water is to be heated or stored under pressure for domestic, culinary or sanitary purposes, in this section and in Sections fifteen and sixteen referred to as hot water tanks, shall be sold or offered for sale unless it is plainly marked, by stamping into the metal of the tank, or into a metal plate permanently attached to the tank in a conspicuous place, and permanently visible, as follows:

- A. Manufacturer's name or registered trade mark.
- B. Rated capacity of hot water tank in United States gallons.
- C. Hydrostatic pressure in pounds per square inch at which the tank has been tested by the manufacturer following the words: "Tested to
- D. Maximum allowable working pressure in pounds per square inch.

Section 15. No hot water tank shall be repaired, relocated or installed and connected, unless it meets the following construction requirements:

- A. The actual capacity of a hot water tank shall be within seven and a half percent of the capacity stamped on the tank.
- B. A hot water tank shall be so constructed by riveting, welding, or otherwise as to withstand the stamped test pressure without visible permanent distortion, and be so designed as to have an ultimate strength sufficient to withstand a hydrostatic pressure twenty-five percent higher than the stamped test pressure.
- C. Solder which melts at a temperature below seven hundred degrees Fahrenheit shall not be used to hold the tank together, but may be used to make it water tight, cistern tanks excepted.
- D. A hot water tank in which water is to be heated or stored under pressure greater than fifteen pounds per square inch shall have a stamped test pressure of not less than two hundred pounds per square inch.

- E. The maximum working pressure at which a hot water tank may be installed shall not be greater than forty-two and a half percent of the test pressure marked on the tank.
- F. All tankless hot water heaters hereafter installed shall be equipped with a mixing valve to protect the user against scalding water flowing from the hot water faucets; and a pressure relief valve.

Section 16. No hot water tank shall be repaired, relocated or installed and connected unless it is protected with safety devices as follows:

- A. A hot water tank in which water is to be heated or stored under pressure greater than fifteen pounds per square inch shall be equipped with a suitable pressure relief valve installed in a tapping in the tank or in the cold water supply line, or the hot water outlet line, with no shut-off valve between the relief valve and the tank. The pressure relief valve shall be set by the manufacturer to operate at a pressure not more than twenty pounds above the maximum working pressure stamped on the tank, and shall be so constructed that said setting cannot be exceeded by normal means of adjustment.
- B. A hot water tank to which a heating device or appliance capable of delivering water to the tank at a temperature greater than two hundred and twelve degrees Fahrenheit is connected shall be equipped with a suitable temperature relief valve so adjusted and installed as to prevent the accumulation of water which is at a temperature in excess of two hundred and twelve degrees Fahrenheit. Said temperature relief valve shall be installed in a tapping directly in or on the tank within six inches of the top of a verticle tank, or within six inches of the top of a horizontal tank, with no fittings between the valve and the tank, except that a bushing may be used to reduce the tapping to fit the valve. If the examiners permit the locating of the temperature relief valve on the hot water outlet pipe, in no case shall the heat sensitive member of said temperature relief valve be more than four inches away from the top of the tank. The discharge outlet of the temperature relief valve and of the pressure relief valve, if a separate pressure valve is used, shall be connected by means of a non-ferrous pipe or tubing not less than three-eighth inch inside diameter, with no shut-off, to an open plumbing fixture, or to within twelve inches of the basement floor.

A thermostatically controlled hot water tank may be protected by an automatic fuel shut-off device in addition to the thermostat. Such shut-off device shall be installed in the same location and perform the same function as said temperature relief valve.

Markings required by law on encased or jacketed hot water tanks shall be contained on the metal tag or plate that shall be permanently attached in a conspicuous place to the largest segment of said jacket or casing. All tankless water heaters shall be equipped with a pressure relieving valve and an automatic tempering device set to deliver water not exceeding 180° Fahrenheit.

The tempering device shall be located between the tankless water heater and any hot water supply pipe which it services. The pressure relief valve may be installed in either the cold water supply or the hot water outlet to or from the tankless water heater.

The following requirements are to be stamped or marked by the manufacturer into the metal of the tempering device or to a metal tag permanently attached to the device the following information:

1. Manufacturer's name or registered trade mark.
2. The type or style, or the type and style, of the tempering device.
3. The temperature settings in degrees Fahrenheit plainly marked.

All temperature and pressure relief valves and tempering devices shall be subject to the approval of the Inspector of Plumbing or other proper authorities.

No hot water tank shall be installed without being equipped with an approved device properly located so as to prevent any partial vacuum therein.

- C. All parts of temperature and pressure relief valves which are in contact with water shall be made of non-ferrous metals or materials having suitable corrosion resisting properties. All pipe and fittings between relief valves and the hot water tank shall be of non-ferrous metals.
- D. Relief valves shall be marked by the manufacturer, by stamping or casting in the metal of the valve, or on a metal tag permanently attached to the valve as follows:
 1. Manufacturer's name or registered trade mark.
 2. Type or style, or the type and style, of the valve.
 3. The pressure setting of the valve in pounds per square inch.

4. The temperature setting in degrees Fahrenheit.
 5. Temperature relieving capacity in B.T.U. per hour.
- E. Temperature and pressure relief valves and other devices referred to in Section shall be subject to the approval of the inspectors of plumbing.
- F. All pipes and fittings in the circulating system between a hot water tank and the heating device or appliance shall be non-ferrous, and of ample size so as to make it possible to heat seventy-five percent of the available water in the tank without raising the temperature of any part of the water above two hundred and twelve degrees Fahrenheit. Every water tank heater using coal, gas or oil fuel shall be properly connected to the nearest chimney or smoke pipe by a pipe of suitable size. No hot water tank shall be installed without being equipped with an approved appliance for relieving any partial vacuum which may be formed therein unless the construction of the boiler is such that it is able, as shown by test and so stamped by the maker, to withstand an external pressure of fourteen pounds per square inch.

CROSS CONNECTIONS

Section 17. Any connection in piping, whereby a public or private water supply used for drinking or culinary purposes is connected with a secondary supply or a supply of questionable quality or whereby polluted matter may enter the supply used for drinking or culinary purposes, shall be considered a cross connection.

No cross connection shall be installed unless it meets the requirements of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. All cross connection installations shown by test or inspection to be of such type or condition inadequately to protect the drinking or culinary water supply shall be removed.

Where the use of a supplementary private or secondary water supply is necessary it is permissible to install an approved swing joint connection from the potable water supply to the plumbing system or an above rim inlet from the potable water supply to said system.

DEFINITIONS

Section 18.

AIR GAP. In a water supply system is the unobstructed vertical distance through the free atmosphere between the lowest opening from any pipe or faucet supplying water to a tank or plumbing fixture and the flood level rim of the receptacle.

BACKFLOW means the flow of water or other liquids into distributing pipes of a supply of potable water from any source. Back siphonage is one type of backflow.

BACKFLOW PREVENTER (sometimes called vacuum breaker) is a device for installation in a water supply pipe to prevent backflow of water into the water supply system from the connections on its outlet end.

BRANCH is any part of a piping system other than a main.

BUILDING DRAIN is that part of the lowest horizontal piping of a building drainage system which receives the discharge from soil, waste or other drainage pipe inside the walls of any building and conveys it to the building (house) sewer beginning five feet outside the inner face of the building wall.

BUILDING (HOUSE) SEWER is the extension from the building drain to the street sewer or other place of disposal.

CRITICAL LEVELS of a backflow preventer is the level to which a preventer can be immersed in water before backflow begins.

DEAD END is a branch leading from a soil, waste, vent, house drain or house sewer which is terminated at developed distance of 2 feet or more by means of a cap, plug or other fitting.

EMERGENCY is the installation or replacement of piping or fixture on plumbing systems which must be made at such times as to prevent the filing of an application for a permit to do the plumbing before starting said work.

FLOOD LEVEL in reference to plumbing fixture is the level at which water begins to overflow the top or rim of the fixture.

FLOOR DRAIN is a drain for carrying off surface, overflow and clean waters from a floor surface.

JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER is a person who himself does any work in plumbing and is registered and licensed under the law.

LOCAL VENT PIPE is a pipe through which foul air is removed from a room or fixture.

MAIN of any system of continuous piping is the principal artery of the system to which branches may be connected.

MASTER PLUMBER is a plumber having a regular place of business and who by himself or journeyman plumbers in his employ performs plumbing work and who is registered and licensed under law.

PLUMBING is the work or business of installing, repairing or altering in buildings the pipes, fixtures and other apparatus for bringing in the water supply and removing liquid and water-borne wastes. The term is also used to denote the installed fixtures and piping of a building.

PLUMBING SYSTEM of a building includes the water supply distributing pipes; the fixtures and fixture traps; the soil, waste and vent pipes; the building (house) drain and building (house) sewer; and the storm water-drainage pipes; with their devices, appurtenances and connections all within or adjacent to the building.

PLUMBING FIXTURES are receptacles which receive and discharge water, liquid or water-borne wastes into a drainage system with which they are connected.

REPAIR OF LEAKS shall mean such repairs as are necessary to protect property and public health but do not involve any rearrangements or change in plumbing or of any pipes or fixtures.

SIZE AND LENGTH is the nominal size unless otherwise stated by which pipe or tubing is commercially designed. The developed length of a pipe is its length along the center line of pipe and fittings.

SOIL PIPE is any pipe which conveys the discharge of water closets or fixtures having similar functions with or without the discharges from other fixtures.

SPECIAL WASTE PIPE or indirect waste pipe is any pipe or fitting which does not connect directly with a house drain or soil stack.

STACK is a general term for the vertical main of a system of soil, waste or vent piping.

TRAP is a fitting or device so designed and constructed as to provide a liquid seal which will prevent the back passage of air without materially affecting the flow of sewage or waste water through it.

TRAP SEAL is the vertical distance between the crown weir and the dip of the trap.

VENT SYSTEM is pipe or pipes installed to provide a flow of air to or from a drainage system or to provide a circulation of air within such system, to protect trap seals from siphonage and back pressure.

WASTE PIPE is any pipe which receives the discharge of any fixture, except water-closets or similar fixtures and conveys the same to the house drain, soil or waste stack. When such pipe does not connect directly with a house drain or soil stack, it is an indirect waste.

WATER SERVICE PIPE is the pipe from the water main to the building served.

WATER DISTRIBUTION PIPE is one which conveys from the water supply service pipe to the plumbing fixtures and other outlets.

NOTHING IN THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS shall be construed as applying to the business of steam fitting, refrigeration, heating and ventilating or gas fitting beyond the point where any connection is made with the water distribution system carrying water for drinking or culinary purposes or the waste pipes carrying wastes or sewage or the vent system. Such connections shall be made subject to the approval and inspection of the plumbing inspectors.

PENALTIES. Every person violating any provision of Sections one to seventeen inclusive, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars.

ARTICLE XX

BUILDING REGULATIONS

Section 1. None of the provisions of these building By-Laws shall be construed so as to conflict with the requirements of State Law or REGULATIONS issued thereunder.

THE DEPARTMENT

Section 2. There shall be a department known as the Building Department which shall be furnished and maintained at the expense of the Town with office room and such supplies and implements as are necessary for the transaction of its business.

Section 3. The Board of Selectmen shall in April of each year appoint an inspector of Buildings sworn in for the term

of one year from that date and until another is appointed in his stead. Said Inspector shall have charge and control of the enforcement of the regulations relative to buildings or structures and see that such regulations are complied with. His salary or compensation shall be such as the town may from time to time determine.

Section 4. The Inspector shall have no financial nor business interest in the doing of work, or the furnishing of materials, for the construction, repair or maintenance of any building or structure in this town, or in the making of plans or specifications therefor unless he is the owner of the premises.

DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT

Section 5. The Inspector shall keep a record of the business of the department and submit to the Board of Selectmen a yearly report of such business and such reports as they may call for and his report shall be incorporated into the yearly report of the Town; records to be open for the inspection of any citizen.

Section 6. The Inspector shall examine all buildings in the course of erection, alteration, repair, or relocation in this town as often as practicable and make record of such violations as are found to exist; the name of the owner, architect and builder and all other matters relative thereto. He shall perform all duties incumbent under the provisions of these By-Laws.

Section 7. The Inspector shall examine every building or other structure, or anything attached to or connected therewith, which he has reason to believe is unsafe or dangerous and if he finds it unsafe or dangerous, he shall forthwith in writing notify the owner, agent, or any person having an interest therein, to remove it, or make it safe and secure and shall submit a report thereof to the Selectmen and also keep a copy of the notification on file.

Section 8. Whenever an application is made to raise, enlarge, build upon, move or alter, any building, the Inspector shall examine the same and make a record thereof. The Inspector so far as may be necessary for the performance of his duties, shall have the right to enter any building or premises, to examine and inspect any buildings in the process of construction, and to direct the suspension of any such building operations as shall not conform to the terms of these By-Laws and no person shall continue any building operations of any kind after such Inspector shall in writing direct the suspension thereof for such reasons.

APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS

Section 9. Every person intending to erect any building or to raise, move or make additions or alterations to any building or its foundations already erected, or hereafter to be built, except necessary repairs not affecting the foundations, external partition or party walls, chimneys or stairways or buildings containing less than 100 square feet, 1 story high, shall before commencing the same, or the foundation thereof, file an application for a permit with the Inspector of Buildings, on forms furnished by the Department, giving a description of the building, or the additions, alterations, or repairs proposed; and shall also submit plans and specifications of such work or buildings, for examination and approval, also a plan of the lot on which any proposed building is to be erected, is to be filed with the application. The location of the structure to be drawn on the lot. All drawings are to be submitted in duplicate and one copy is to remain on file, the other copy to be stamped with this department's seal of approval. If the Inspector is of the opinion that the requirements of this By-Law have been complied with, he shall thereupon issue said stamped permits to the applicants.

Section 10. No permit issued shall continue in force for a longer period than 90 days from the date of issue unless work has been started and carried on in good faith within that time limit.

Section 11. A complete set of plans and specifications of any public building or structure to be used by the public, must be filed in the office of the Local Inspector of Buildings. A complete set of plans and specifications bearing the approval of the Inspector of Buildings must be kept on the premises during the process of construction. These plans, before filing in this office, must bear the stamp of approval of the State Building Inspection Department.

Section 12. Any committee for this Town authorized to erect or procure plans and specifications for any building for this Town, is to furnish the architect or engineer with a copy of the Town's Building Laws.

BUILDINGS SUBJECT TO BY-LAWS

Section 13. Every building already erected, or hereafter built, which is to be raised, altered, repaired, moved, or built upon, in any manner, except the making of necessary repairs and the repairing of any building which has been destroyed by fire to an extent of not more than one-half of the estimated cost of said building, shall be subject to the regulations of this By-Law.

Section 14. No wooden building shall hereafter be erected or altered in such manner that the height of said building shall exceed 30 feet above the foundation level and no wooden building shall be more than three stories in height above the basement. The vertical dimensions are to be from the underside of the first floor to the cornice.

No external wall of any building hereafter erected or moved upon any lot shall be built or placed nearer than three feet to the line of any adjoining lot unless said wall be constructed of solid brick, cement block, concrete, stone or terra cotta, nor shall any external wall of any building hereafter built, or moved upon the same lot upon which there is another building, be built or placed nearer to said other building than eight feet, unless said external wall shall be constructed as a solid brick, concrete, cement block, stone or terra cotta wall.

In no case shall any external wall of any building hereafter built or placed, be nearer than eight feet to any other external wall hereafter built, unless said wall be constructed as a solid wall of brick, concrete, stone, terra cotta or cement blocks.

FIRST CLASS BUILDINGS

Section 15. No masonry building shall exceed a height of sixty-five feet above the street level, unless said building shall be constructed as a first class building, with reinforced concrete or steel frame.

FINAL INSPECTION

Section 16. No building hereafter erected, altered, added to or repaired, shall be lathed, plastered, sheathed, or otherwise lined, until the owner or builder shall have notified the Inspector of Buildings to inspect the same, inspection to be made within 12 hours.

DEFINITIONS OF WORDS AND TERMS

Section 17.

ALTERATION. Any change or addition.

APARTMENT HOUSE. A building divided into suites of rooms, each suite intended for the occupation of one family and containing the conveniences of a dwelling, including the facilities for cooking.

BASEMENT. A story partly, but not more than one-half below the level of the exterior grade.

DWELLING. A building used, or constructed, adapted to be used, wholly or principally, for human habitation.

FIRST CLASS BUILDING. A building with fireproof floors, walls and roof.

SECOND CLASS BUILDING. A building with fireproof walls, wood floors and roof but with metal sash and incombustible roof covering.

THIRD CLASS BUILDING. A building with fireproof exterior walls, wood floors and partitions, combustible roofing, wood sash.

FOURTH CLASS BUILDING. All wood building.

FOUNDATION. That part of a wall below the level of the exterior grade, but foundations of party or partition walls, may be construed by the Inspector to mean that portion below cellar floor.

HEIGHT OF A BUILDING. The vertical distance of the sill to cornice.

PUBLIC BUILDING. A building used or constructed, or adapted to be used in whole or in part as a church, school, hospital, theatre, hotel or place of public assemblage.

PARTY WALL. A wall that separates two or more buildings or is to be used or adopted for the use of more than one building and which is centered on the property line.

REPAIRS. The renewal of any part of a building or of its fixtures or appurtenances, and not made, in the opinion of the Inspector, for the purpose of converting the building, in whole or in part, into a new building.

UNDERPINNING. The brick, stone or concrete wall above the foundation to the under side of the first floor.

SOLID WALL. A wall without openings of any kind therein.

FIREPROOF. Shall mean any building material that is non-inflammable in its entire thickness and not dependent on any other inflammable substance for its rigidity or support.

HABITABLE. Any room, space or cubicle with finished floor, walls and ceilings properly lighted, heated and ventilated.

INSPECTOR. Wherever the word Inspector is used in Article XX of these By-Laws it shall mean the local Inspector of Buildings of the Town of Southbridge.

JUNK YARDS

Section 18. Any person owning or controlling property within the residential districts of this town where a number of wrecked or demolished automobiles are kept, is to build and maintain a fence which cannot be seen through at least 8 feet high, properly painted, around such space as is used for this purpose.

FIRE PREVENTION AND HEALTH

Section 19. No chimney is to start on wood floors or beams and if above the cellar floor same is to rest on iron plate full size of chimney at least one inch thick and supported on iron columns or steel beams.

Section 20. At each floor fire stop around chimney with twenty-six gauge strip metal or at least two inches of good concrete all around so as to stop the draught around the chimney.

Section 21. No metal smoke stack or pipe is to run through a combustible floor, roof, or partition and in no case is it to be nearer than eighteen inches of a ceiling or wall unless said partition or ceiling is metal lath and hard plaster or asbestos.

Section 22. No akron or earthenware pipe is to be used for a chimney on any permanent and combustible building.

Section 23. No building over two and one-half stories high is to be built of wood frame within the fire limit and no addition to existing wooden building is to be made above the two and one-half stories.

Section 24. No cellar is to be used for living quarters unless each room has a window in an outer wall with at least twelve square feet of opening, and otherwise made sanitary and habitable.

Section 25. No new building is to have living quarters in the basement or cellar unless the floors and walls are water and damp-proofed.

Section 26. All hearths shall be supported upon trimmer arches of brick, or stone, or upon bars of iron supporting a bed of brickwork and shall be at least twelve inches longer than the width of the fireplace openings and at least eighteen inches wide in front of the chimney breast. Wooden centering supporting a trimmer arch shall be removed before plastering.

In cases where a fireplace is elevated above the floor and has no hearth, same is to be protected by screen to the satisfaction of the Inspector.

Section 27. Brickwork of all grates, fireplaces and ranges shall be not less than eight inches, and when it adjoins a wooden or stud partition shall have at least two four-inch walls, with at least two-inch air space between. No woodwork shall be secured to the brickwork of any flue. Open fireplaces shall have fireproof foundations. The brickwork over all fireplaces and grate openings shall be supported on stone, concrete or brick arches or suitable iron lintels. In all cases the protection against fire shall be satisfactory to the Inspector.

Section 28. Unless the Inspector otherwise directs, all elevator wells and light-shafts, unless built of masonry must be filled in flush between the wooden studs with fire-proof materials or lined with plaster on metal lathing, as may be directed by him, and all woodwork inside of such walls or shafts shall be lined with tin plate lock-jointed.

Section 29. Over all heaters in basement, metal lath and hard plaster or lined with sheet gypsum at least three-eighths inches thick on area directly over the boiler at least ten feet square in residences and twenty feet square in other buildings.

Section 30. All wood frame buildings to be fire blocked at sill. Cut in two inch fire blockings between studs below and above all floors and ceiling joists. Where the rafters are lined on the underside cut two inch plank the full thickness of the rafters between all rafters halfway up their slope for fire blocking.

Section 31. Where brick walls are strapped, space between strappings and brick wall to be filled above and below all floors with a band at least six inches wide of cement mortar and in all cases where floor height is above twelve feet there shall be a similar band of fireproofing, material applied half-way between floors.

Section 32. In each flight of stairs cut two inch plank fire stopping between stringers, at each flight, every six feet of run.

REQUIREMENTS OF BRICK, STONE, TERRA COTTA BLOCK, CEMENT OR CINDER BLOCK OR CONCRETE BUILDINGS

Section 33. The foundations of buildings constructed of brick, stone, terra cotta, cement, cinder block or concrete or other incombustible material, must rest upon solid ground,

rock, Portland cement concrete, suitably driven piles, or other durable sub-structure. Said foundations must not be less than four feet below the surface finished grade exposed to frost, unless in the opinion of the building inspector a suitable foundation is otherwise provided.

Section 34. Masonry partition walls shall have a footing of concrete or stone at least six inches wider than the wall above and at least ten inches thick.

Section 35. All stone foundations twenty-four inches or less in thickness shall have at least one header extending through the wall in every three feet in height from the bottom of the wall and in every three feet in length. Stones shall be firmly bedded in mortar, no poorer than one part lime, one part Portland Cement and six parts sand, and all spaces and joints thoroughly filled.

Section 36. Mortar and Concrete shall not be poorer than the following:

Cement Mortar: 1 Portland cement, 3 sand.

Lime and Cement Mortar: 1 Portland cement, 1 lime, 6 sand.

Concrete: 1 part Portland cement, $2\frac{1}{2}$ parts sand, 5 parts stone or gravel.

SUPPORTS AND BRACES

Section 37. Supports of buildings other than their foundations, shall be of iron, concrete, brick or cement blocks. All iron pipe supports to main girders shall be cement filled and of adequate size.

Section 38. Buildings used as dwellings shall have under all columns or piers a footing of stone or concrete not less than twelve inches thick; buildings used other than for dwellings shall have a footing of stone, or concrete not less than one foot wider, on all sides, than the area of the pier or column resting upon the footing.

Section 39. All brick piers shall be built with and all footings bedded in, cement mortar.

Section 40. Brick piers under buildings, girders, or columns of buildings, other than dwellings, shall have an iron plate on top of the pier, at least one inch thick cast iron or one-half inch thick steel and the full size of the pier.

Section 41. Every iron column shall rest on an iron cap and base sufficiently thick to distribute the load and in no case shall any iron plate, to be used as a bearing for an iron column to be set upon anything other than a masonry pier or foundation.

MASONRY WALLS AND PIERS

Section 42. All frame buildings shall have sills bolted to the foundation by anchor bolts not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter; a minimum of 3 feet in length, and spaced at not over 4 feet apart, with nuts and washers.

Section 43. All brick work, other than piers shall be laid in mortar no poorer than one part Portland cement, one part lime and six parts sand.

Section 44. No very soft brick shall be used in the construction of any of the walls or piers of any buildings.

Section 45. When old bricks are used in any wall they shall be thoroughly cleaned before used and shall be good, hard, well-burnt brick. No old brick shall be used in external walls of buildings over two stories high without the approval of the Inspector.

Section 46. All brick used during warm months shall be wet at the time they are laid and shall be dry at the time they are laid during cold months.

Section 47. All floor bearing walls, if carried above the first floor, shall not be less than twelve inches thick.

Section 48. The walls above foundations of all buildings, the first floor of which is to be used for mercantile purposes, shall be not less than twelve inches thick for one story buildings.

Section 49. All brick walls on which the ends of floor joists rest shall be anchored at each tier of joists, at intervals of not more than five feet apart with steel anchors at least three-eighths inch by one and one-half inches, well built into the walls, and well fastened to the joists; and where the joists are supported by, or on girders, or partition plates, the ends resting upon girders, or partition plates, shall be fastened together and strapped by wrought iron straps, the same distance apart, and to the same joists as the wall anchors. Where joists parallel masonry walls use steel anchors of same section as above and anchored to three joists.

Section 50. The ends of all girders or partition plates, resting on or abutting any wall, shall be anchored to it with steel anchors.

Section 51. Plates of all roofs shall be bolted to walls, not less than every six feet, the bolts to be built into the walls at least $\frac{1}{2}$ inch by 18 inches and turned at least three inches into masonry.

Section 52. No continual vertical recess, chase or flue shall be made in any party wall so deep that it will leave the

thickness at the back less than eight inches at any point, and no recess of any kind shall be made in any eight inch wall. No horizontal recess shall be made in any wall, except by special permit from the Inspector. No continual, vertical recess, other than flues, in stacks, shall be nearer than seven feet to any other recess.

Section 53. No opening or doorway shall be cut through a party wall without a permit from the Inspector and every such opening shall have approved fire doors and each side of the wall separated by the thickness of the wall, hardware to be approved and with fusible links.

Section 54. The ends of all wood floor beams or joists of a brick, stone, terra cotta, or cement block building entering a wall shall be cut on a splay of two and one-half inches in their depth and no floor beams resting upon the same wall on opposite sides shall have less than four inches of brick work between the ends of such beams.

FIRE LIMIT

THE FIRE LIMIT WITHIN THE TOWN IS BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

Section 55. Beginning at the northwest corner of Main and Everett Streets; **thence** across Main Street northerly to the private way of the Worcester County Electric Company; **thence** northeasterly and northerly by land of the Electric Company, to location of New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company tracks and northwesterly following said tracks to a point at right angles to said tracks southwesterly and opposite boundary of the southerly corner of Edwards and Hamilton Streets; **thence** following said southerly side of Edwards Street westerly to the intersection of Edwards and Pine Streets; **thence** southerly following the easterly side of Pine Street to the intersection of Pine and Main Streets; **thence** easterly and following the northerly side of Main Street to the intersection of Main and Marcy Streets; **thence** crossing Main Street diagonally to the eastern corner of Marcy and Main Street; **thence** southerly along the easterly side of Marcy Street to the intersection of Dresser and Marcy Streets; **thence** easterly along the northerly side of Dresser Street to the intersection of Elm Street, following along the westerly side of Elm Street in a southerly direction to a point opposite the southerly corner of Summer and Elm Streets; **thence** easterly along the southerly side of Summer to Everett Street; **thence** northerly along the westerly side of Everett Street to the point of beginning.

Section 56. Any new alteration, addition or new building within the fire limit is to be of a fire resistant nature, such as brick, stone, terra cotta, cement, cinder tile blocks or con-

crete, or it may be of wood frame fireblocked, as required for all frame buildings and covered with sheet asbestos, asbestos shingles, stucco on metal lath. If sheet metal of any description is used, it shall be applied over asbestos sheathing paper, and no lighter than twenty-six gauge galvanized iron.

Section 57. Any new building, addition or alteration within the fire limit is to be lathed with metal or gypsum lath.

Section 58. Any new building, addition or alteration within the fire limit is to have cornice, jet or overhang of rigid sheet asbestos, sixteen ounce cold rolled copper, twenty-six gauge or heavier galvanized iron, but in all cases space from plate to the roof planks or boards is to be filled with at least four inches of hollow brick, tile, cement or brick, all around building.

Section 59. Where a new wood frame is used within the fire limit, and in case of an adjoining and attached overhang, porch, or piazza, ceiling of same may be wood but the space occurring against the building concealed between the ceiling of said overhang, porch or piazza and its roof is to be boarded up with matched boards and lined with metal lath and plaster, twenty-six gauge metal or rigid sheet asbestos for the entire area concealed, ceiling not to be applied until approved by Inspector.

Section 60. Any new building, addition or alteration within the fire limit is to be roofed with slate, tile, asbestos asphalt shingles, twenty-six gauge or heavier metal, tar and gravel or slag composition.

Section 61. Any new building, addition or alteration within the fire limit may have wood finish, floors and ceilings for porches, balconies, piazzas or overhangs, but in all cases concealed portions abutting buildings are to be fireproofed including space between ceilings and floors at building as described under preceding sections.

Section 62. Any new building, addition or alteration, within the fire limit, may have wood doors and windows, cellar entrance bulkheads, trellis or pergolas.

Section 63. Any new building within the fire limit not having a cellar is to have at least twenty-four inch trap through the floor with two flush iron rings not less than three inches in diameter for access to the underside of floor and this trap not to be nailed or fastened down in any way.

Section 64. Any new building or alteration within the fire limit to have access trap to roof space left at least twenty-four inches square.

BEARINGS AND FOUNDATIONS

Section 65. No superstructure shall be erected until the foundation for the same is prepared, whether of stone, concrete, or brick, and the said foundation is safe to receive the superstructure.

Section 66. Foundations of wooden buildings shall rest upon solid ground or suitably driven piles, foundations if of stone shall be not less than twenty inches thick at the bottom, and sixteen inches thick at the top, and under buildings more than two stories high shall be not less than twenty-two inches thick at bottom, and eighteen inches thick at top, and shall be laid in mortar no poorer than one part Portland cement, one part lime and six parts sand.

Section 67. Foundation walls for brick shall be not less than twelve inches thick, concrete ten inches and cement blocks twelve inches with footing eight inches wider than the walls, and eight inches thick for one story buildings. For two stories, footings to be twelve inches wider than foundation and ten inches thick.

Section 68. All stone foundations shall be thoroughly bonded, by headers extending through the wall every three feet in height from the bottom of the wall, and every three feet in length of wall. Foundation walls shall not be laid on frozen ground.

Section 69. When piles are used they shall be cut off at such grade as will insure constant immersion at all times. A single row of piles to be staggered, and not less than three feet on centers under wooden buildings; those piles to be properly capped with cement cap at least eighteen inches thick and eight inches wider on each side than its superimposed foundation and properly reinforced.

Section 70. All brick underpinnings averaging over four feet high shall be not less than twelve inches thick, and when under buildings three stories high shall in all cases be not less than twelve inches thick.

Section 71. Concrete underpinning shall not be less than ten inches thick and all stone underpinning shall be not less than sixteen inches thick.

Section 72. Dwellings that do not rest on masonry walls shall be supported on suitably driven piles, or piers of hard burned brick, stone, cement filled concrete blocks, or concrete; corner piers if of brick shall not be less than sixteen inches square and intermediate piers twelve inches square; all footings for piers shall be at least four feet below the surface of the ground if exposed to frost and all piers and foundations therefor shall be solidly laid in cement mortar.

Section 73. Buildings other than dwellings not resting on foundation walls, or driven piles, and to be used for a workshop or other like purpose, or as a temporary structure, may rest on mud sills or blocks.

Section 74. All buildings shall be supported in cellars and basements by masonry walls, columns, brick or concrete piers, and the same to rest on proper footings. Wood columns if used shall be not less than six by six inches hard pine, chestnut or hardwood, and shall rest upon a plate which shall have a footing under the said plate not less than twelve inches square and at least eight inches thick, and the footing for said columns shall finish at least four inches above the cellar floor. Brick piers under main girders shall be not less than eight by twelve inches, and all piers exceeding a height of six feet shall be not less than twelve inches square.

Section 75. Porches, piazzas, and bay windows, not supported by masonry foundations, shall be built upon piers of stone, brick, or concrete and the foundation of said piers shall be built to a depth of not less than four feet if exposed to frost and at least twelve inches square with suitable footings.

WOOD FRAMING

Section 76. All brace frame buildings exceeding a height of fifteen feet and to be less than three stories in height, shall be built with sills, posts, girts, plates and rafters of sufficient size to carry the weight of the superstructure; the posts and girts shall not be less than six by six inches in cross section, and the outside studs shall be not less than two by four inches in cross section and spaced not more than sixteen inches on centers. The studs for main bearing partitions shall be not less than two by four inches in cross section and spaced not more than sixteen inches on centers. All frame buildings three full stories in height hereafter erected shall have corner posts not less than four by eight inches in cross section. One inch by six inch ledgers notched into studs may be used.

Section 77. All timber used in framing any building shall be of good sound material, free from rot, large and loose knots, shakes or any imperfection, whereby the strength of material may be impaired.

Section 78. All floor bearing partitions shall rest upon a wall or a girder of suitable size in the lower story and upon partition caps in the stories above, and minor partitions shall rest upon a sole not less than two inches thick.

Section 79. All main bearing partitions shall be bridged with stock the full width of studding, and two inches thick, at least once in the height of each story. Cross partitions shall

be braced from floor to ceiling. At each exterior corner brace from floor to ceiling at each floor with same section of material as used for outside walls.

Section 80. All new or renewed floors shall be so constructed as to safely carry the weight to which the proposed use of the building will be subjected to, but the least capacity per superficial square foot, exclusive of materials, shall be designed to carry the following loads:

For floors of dwellings	60 lbs.
For floors of public buildings	125 lbs.
For floors of school house other than floor of assembly halls	80 lbs.
For floors of assembly rooms	125 lbs.
For floors of ordinary stores, light manufacturing and light storage	120 lbs.
For floors of dance halls.	200 lbs.
For flat roofs	40 lbs.
For stairs, landings, platforms and fire escapes	70 lbs.

Section 81. Every wood header or trimmer shall be at least twice the thickness of other floor timbers, every wood header or trimmer more than six feet in length used in any building, whether brick or wood construction, shall be hung in stirrup irons of suitable size. All joists occurring under a partition is to be doubled.

Section 82. Ledger board may be used in place of girts in any balloon frame building where the posts exceed fifteen feet in height; and when ledger boards are used the space back of the ledger boards and outside wall boarding shall be fire stopped with blocks of the same size as wall studs, cut in tight, so as to prevent draft in case of fire.

Section 83. In all dwellings the sizes of floor joists shall not be less than the following:

2 x 6—16"	c.c. for spans not over 8'
2 x 8—16"	c.c. for spans not over 14'
2 x 9—16"	c.c. for spans not over 15'
2 x 10—16"	c.c. for spans not over 16'
2 x 12—16"	c.c. for spans not over 18'

Section 84. If joists used are of other material than hemlock, spruce, fir or hard pine, or if joists are to be used in floors intended for other purposes than floors of dwellings, said joists shall be of size to be determined by some established formula and to the satisfaction of the Inspector.

Section 85. No beam or floor joist shall be sized or notched in such manner as to reduce the depth and strength of such beam or joist below that required by this By-Law.

Floor timbers shall be bridged once in every eight feet, with one by three inch, or two by three inch stock nailed at each end with two nails.

Section 86. Every temporary support placed under any structure, wall, girder, or beam, during the erection, finishing, alteration, or repairing of any building or structure, or any part thereof, shall be of sufficient strength to safely carry the load to be finally placed thereon. All roofs shall have its rafters anchored at every other rafter to the studs below the plate with hurricane anchors to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Buildings.

FIREPROOFING

Section 87. In the entrance of a wooden building that is double or where two apartments are adjacent to each other, party walls are to be brick nogged between studs and carried to roof boards, or solid masonry. In the case of four or more rooms above the second floor, walls to be at least twelve inches thick at cellar and first floor and eight inches thereafter of cement, cement blocks, terra cotta, tile, or brick, to underside of roofboards. In both the above cases, lath covering these walls to be metal.

Section 88. New wooden walls and ceilings of all stores in buildings over one story in height shall be covered either with wire lathing and plaster or with sheet metal. Composition tile or sheets may be used on walls and ceilings providing that ceilings are backed with gypsum board at least three-eighths inches thick or metal lath and plaster. Basement ceilings of all new work in stores shall be metal lathed, and plastered.

Section 89. The tops of portable heaters shall be at least three feet below any wooden beam, ceilings, or other combustible objects, unless protected by some incombustible materials.

Section 90. All boilers or heating systems used in hotels, apartments, laundries or public buildings, hereafter erected, or converted for such use, shall be enclosed in a fireproof room and set in such a manner as to be accessible for inspection. No boiler room shall be located under any stair, entrance hall or public way.

Section 91. If any chimney, flue or heating apparatus should, in the opinion of the Inspector of Buildings, be unsafe by reason of endangering the premises by fire or otherwise, he shall at once notify in writing the owner, agent, or other person having an interest therein, and require him to remove the same, or make it safe, and such owner, agent, or person

shall at once, put such chimney, flue or heating apparatus in a safe condition, satisfactory to the Inspector.

Section 92. The Provisions of Articles XIX to XXXIV inclusive may apply to buildings already erected if found necessary and so ordered after examination of the premises by the Inspector of Buildings.

BURNED STRUCTURES

Section 93. After a fire, all burned parts and other debris are to be cleared away within sixty days, unless a special extension of time for just and reasonable cause is granted in writing by the Inspector and another time limit is set.

EGRESSES

Section 94. In all buildings hereafter erected or converted, to be occupied for dwelling purposes, for two or more separate families, there shall be at least two independent and sufficient ways of egress, accessible at each floor from each suite of apartments. Such ways of egress shall consist of flights of stairs, extending from the lowest to the highest floor, and not more than one flight of stairs shall be placed in the same hallway.

CHIMNEYS

Section 95. No chimney shall be built so far out of plumb as in the opinion of the Inspector to endanger its stability.

Section 96. No chimney to be built unless lined with firebrick or fireclay flue liner.

Section 97. No chimney is to extend less than two feet above any adjacent building or ridge that may exist within twenty feet of this chimney.

Section 98. In no case shall a chimney be corbelled out more than two-thirds the thickness of its wall, and in all such cases the corbelling shall consist of at least five courses of brick.

Section 99. No metal chimney unless approved shall be used, or shall be placed within one inch of any woodwork unless such flue or pipe be cased with metal leaving a free circulation of air all around the same.

SNOW FROM ROOFS

Section 100. No part of any roof shall be constructed in such a manner as to discharge snow, ice, or other material upon a public street or alley.

OIL BURNING EQUIPMENT

Section 101. All fuel oil-burning ranges, stoves, appliances, boilers, furnaces and heating or cooking equipment of any type must be inspected annually during the months of September or October by a member of the Southbridge Fire Department, and certified as safe before use for the ensuing 12 months. Unless such equipment is certified as safe for use, the head of the Fire Department shall notify all fuel oil dealers in the town, or who deliver fuel oil within the town limits, that such equipment is unsafe and unfit for use and that no fuel oil shall be delivered for use in said equipment until the same is certified safe. Any fuel oil dealers who deliver fuel oil for use in any equipment not certified as safe, shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$25.

BOARD OF ARBITRATION

Section 102. All questions as to the intent and meaning of the By-Laws, relating to the construction of buildings shall be decided by the Inspector of Buildings, or when the inspector, the contractor and/or the owner of the structure fail to agree in regard to the intent and purpose of these building By-Laws or any portion thereof, the matter of said disagreement shall be referred to a Board of Arbitration.

The same shall consist of three members, one to be chosen by the Inspector of Buildings, one by the owner of the structure and a third by agreement of the two thus chosen. The decision of all questions referred to said Board of Arbitration shall be final except as provided in Section 1 of Article XX of these Building By-Laws.

ENFORCEMENT

Section 103. The enforcement of these building By-Laws shall be vested in the Building Inspector of the Town of Southbridge, who shall have full authority, to enter at all reasonable hours all buildings and every part thereof to which these By-Laws apply, for the purpose of inspecting the same, to institute proceedings under General Laws, Chapter 143, Section 12 and to institute proceedings for the enforcement of penalties.

ARTICLE XXI

ENACTMENT

Disapproved by the Attorney General.

A true copy,
Attest: Clare P. Boyer,
Town Clerk of Southbridge, Mass.
May 14, 1956

Article 13.

To see if the Town will vote to adopt and make such orders and By-Laws as proposed by the Town By-Law Committee, said proposed By-Laws now on file in the office of the Town Clerk, said proposed By-Laws being dated February 2, 1956, or act anything thereon.

The following motion made and seconded: (presented by: Mr. O. J. Laliberte.)

I move that the proposed Amendments dated February 2, 1956 to the By-Laws of the Town of Southbridge, copies of which were sent to the Board of Selectmen by the Town By-Laws Committee with their letter dated February 28, 1956, and a copy of which has been on file in the office of the Town Clerk, available for inspection by any registered voter of the Town be adopted in the form recommended by the Town By-Laws Committee.

The following amendment presented to above motion. Said amendment seconded and carried.

The following to be added to the proposed Town By-Laws as Article No. 40 (Town Engineer.)

Section 1.

The Selectmen shall appoint an Engineer whose qualifications shall be those of "Grade E-Engineers and Chief Engineers," as provided by amendment to the revised Civil Service—Section 6, Chapter 19 of the revised Laws of the Commonwealth, or of any equivalent revision in said Laws.

Section 2.

The Selectmen may appoint the Engineer for the Town for a period of three (3) years. Said Engineer shall perform all engineering work required by the Town.

Section 3.

He shall have complete charge of the Engineering Department and shall be fully responsible for all employees of the Engineering Department.

Section 4.

The Engineer shall prepare specifications for grades, bounds and materials, depths of all streets, sidewalks, sewers and other construction hereinafter built or charged to the Town he shall recommend to the Board of Selectmen and his recommendations, when approved, shall be binding upon all departments concerned. He shall inspect all work done under his specifications and shall be responsible for the fulfillment

of all his requirements. He shall prepare maps or sketches of all Town property and shall be responsible to the Board of Selectmen for all Town Maps, drawings and records pertaining to streets, sidewalks, sewer location and pipes, retained in his possession.

Section 5.

In his Annual Report, he shall review the work done during the year and shall make recommendations which he may deem best for the welfare of the Town.

Result of vote on Article 13:
(Count of hands by Moderator.)

Affirmative: 42
Negative: 33

It's a vote.
(Town)
(Seal)

A true copy of record,
Attest: s/ Clare P. Boyer,
Town Clerk of Southbridge, Mass.
Boston, Mass., June 6, 1956

The foregoing By-Laws are hereby approved with the exception of Article II and Article XXI, which are hereby disapproved.

s/ George Fingold,
Attorney General

A true copy,
Attest: Clare P. Boyer,
Town Clerk of Southbridge, Mass.
Southbridge, Mass., May 14, 1956

Special Town Meeting April 30, 1956

Article 8.

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue its voting precincts; and vote that subsequent elections within the Town shall be held as if no such division had been made; all as provided by Section 9 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, or act anything thereon.

The following substitute motion presented, seconded and carried:

VOTED: that the Town discontinue its voting precincts and that subsequent elections within the Town shall be held as if no such division had been made, all as provided by Section 9 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

Count of hands by Moderator.
Result of Count by Moderator.
Affirmative: 83
Negative: 65

Result of Count challenged.

Moderator named (3) tellers.

Moderator asked voters to vote again (hand vote.)

Result of Count: (Announced by Moderator.)

Affirmative: 112

Negative: 91

It's a vote.

(Town)

(Seal)

A true copy of record,

Attest: s/ Clare P. Boyer,
Town Clerk of Southbridge, Mass.

Boston, Mass., June 6, 1956

The within amendment to By-Laws is hereby approved.

s/ George Fingold
Attorney General

A true copy,

Attest: Clare P. Boyer,
Town Clerk of Southbridge, Mass.

(Town)

(Seal)

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 33.**

George Fingold
Attorney General

June 6, 1956

Mrs. Clare P. Boyer
Town Clerk
Southbridge, Mass.

Dear Madam:

I return herewith By-Laws adopted by the Town of Southbridge on April 30, 1956, under Articles 8 and 13, with the action of the Attorney General noted thereon.

Article II of the By-Laws adopted under Article 13 of the warrant is disapproved inasmuch as it conflicts with Article 8.

Article XXI adopted under Article 13 is disapproved inasmuch as G.L. c. 40, s. 32 has preempted the field.

Very truly yours,

s/ Matthew S. Heaphy
Assistant Attorney General

A true copy,

Attest: Clare P. Boyer,
Town Clerk of Southbridge, Mass.

Article 14. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for indefinite postponement.

Article 15. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for indefinite postponement.

Article 16. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for \$5,300.00 from the tax levy of 1956.

Article 17. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for indefinite postponement.

Article 18. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for \$5,000.00 from the tax levy of 1956.

Article 19. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative as recommended by the Board of Review for S-7 classification with rate range of \$3,400.00 to \$4,100.00 and that \$117.25 be taken from the tax levy of 1956 for this purpose.

Article 20. VOTED: in the affirmative for \$400.00 from the tax levy of 1956.

Article 21. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for \$25,000.00 from the tax levy of 1956.

Voted to adjourn.

(Time 8:45 P. M.)

A true copy. Attest: CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk.

Special Town Meeting

JULY 30, 1956

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss:

To either of the constables of the Town of Southbridge, in the County of Worcester:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Southbridge aforesaid qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of Southbridge on Monday, July 30, 1956, at 7:30 P. M. to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase from L. Wilfred Pontbriand and Eva M. Pontbriand a parcel of land, and a proper right-of-way thereto, located in Sturbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts; said parcel of land containing eleven (11) acres, more or less; said parcel of land having deposits of sand and gravel; all as per plan Number 1-3-140 of the Town Engineer; said

plan now on file with the Town Clerk; and transfer the sum of \$3,000.00 from Article One (1) of the Town Meeting of April 30, 1956 to this Article; and rescind and make null and void the vote under Article One (1) of the Town Meeting of April 30, 1956, said Article One (1) having authorized the Board of Selectmen to purchase land from H. J. Proulx of Dudley, Worcester County, Massachusetts; or act anything thereon.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 from the Tuberculosis and Contagious Diseases Accounts to the Premature Births Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$40.00 from the Assessors' Extra Clerical Account to the Assessors' Travel Expense Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$688.18 from the State Reimbursement Flood Abate-ments Account to the Overlays 1955 Account, as recommended by the Division of Accounts. This amount was paid by the State as reimbursement on Real Estate and Personal Property taxes caused by the flood of August 19, 1955, or act anything thereon.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to amend Salary of the Three Registrars and Salary of Clerk of Board as voted under Article 8, of the Annual Town Meeting, said amendment to be retroactive to January 1, 1956, or act anything thereon.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$500.00 to the Dog Officer's Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$6.11 for the Depot Parking Lot—Renewing of Water Service Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$374.10 to reimburse the Overdrawn Insurance Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$240.00 for the adjustment of sewer manholes on Eastford Road in conjunction with the reconstruction of Eastford Road under Chapter No. 90, or act anything thereon.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the reconstruction of a storm drain on the northerly side of Worcester Street, from the existing drain at approximate station 92+3150 of the 1934 layout of Worcester Street, thence easterly and

northerly along a curve to the existing catch basin on the southerly line of Henry Street for a distance of approximately 550', or act anything thereon.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$2,285.00 for the legal advertising of the Revised By-Laws, or act anything thereon.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Snow Street from the existing terminus opposite land now or formerly of Morris D & Clara Town, northwesterly for a distance of about 60 ft., or act anything thereon.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Dennison Drive from the existing terminus opposite land of Alfred Blair, southwesterly for a distance of approximately 175 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money to construct a sanitary sewer on Hillside Road from the existing terminus, southerly and westerly for a distance of about 400 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a certain sum of money for the construction of a storm drain from the existing drain on Mary Ellen Lane thence westerly along Mary Ellen Lane and northerly along Judith Avenue to the Nuisance Brook at Dresser Field, a distance of about 400 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to change the name of Crops Road, which extends from Lebanon Hill to the Dudley Town Line crossing Route 93, to Tipton Rock Road, or act anything thereon.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase, for the consideration of \$1.00 all or any part of the following described premises and the necessary easements and right of way thereto with reservations to the grantors regarding control of water, grantors to maintain the property and carry proper Liability Insurance, from the Southbridge Finishing Co., Inc., its successors and assigns; a parcel of land being located in Southbridge, south of the southerly bank of the Quinebaug River consisting of the area known as the "Canal," beginning at the gates controlling the waters of the Quinebaug River and extending southerly and easterly to the westerly line of the State Highway layout dated February 16, 1954, of the Sandersdale Road, Route No. 131; said parcel of

land to include on the westerly side thereof, the land between the westerly bank of said canal and the land owned by the Madore Lumber Co., Inc., Southbridge Industrial Development Co., Inc., New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R., the Central Mass. Gas Co., Weld & Beck Farm Equipment Co., Inc., Frank & Frances Maciejewski, Joseph Cartier, Jr., and Frank Lenti; said land also to include on the easterly side of said "Canal" the land between the easterly bank of said "Canal" and the land now or formerly owned by Peter & Wanda Graf, New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R., and a strip of land owned by the grantors 10 ft. wide easterly of the parallel to the easterly bank of said "Canal" to the westerly line of said 1954 State Highway layout of Route No. 131; said parcel of land having structures thereon for the control of waters of the Quinebaug River and Lebanon Brook; in accordance with a plan on file with the Town Clerk, No. 1-4B-63 or revisions thereof entitled "Property of Southbridge Finishing Co., to be conveyed to the Inhabitants of the Town of Southbridge" and to see if the Town will raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$1.00 for the aforesaid purpose, or act anything thereon.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies in four (4) conspicuous places within the Town at least seven (7) days before holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the same time and place aforesaid.

ARMAND O. DeGRENIER,
WESLEY K. COLE,
ROYCE FITZPATRICK,
Selectmen of Southbridge.

s/BLAISE TRUDEAU,
Constable of Southbridge, Mass.
July 23, 1956 7:30 P. M.
A true copy. Attest:

Southbridge, Mass.
July 23, 1956.

Worcester, ss:

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Southbridge by posting up attested copies of the same in four conspicuous public places, namely: Town Hall, Metro Bros., Laughnane's News Room and Lippe's Market, and now return this warrant with my doings thereon as above described this 23rd day of July, 1956.

BLAISE TRUDEAU, Constable.
Received by Town Clerk on July 23, 1956, 7:12 P. M.
A true copy. Attest: CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING — JULY 30, 1956

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P. M. by Moderator, Rosario Normandin.

VOTEDS: That the reading of the warrant and reading of the officer's return be dispensed with.

Article 1. The following substitute motion presented, seconded and not carried:

VOTED: that this article be indefinitely postponed.

Count of vote by Moderator.

Affirmative 1

Negative 36

(Fin. Com.'s motion)

VOTED: in the affirmative for \$2,500.00 for the purchase of said parcel of land and \$500.00 for repair of road leading to said parcel of land; same to be transferred from Article One (1) of the Special Town Meeting of April 30, 1956, to this Article; and rescind and make null and void the vote under Article One (1) of the Special Town Meeting of April 30, 1956.

Count of vote by Moderator:

Affirmative 43

Negative 1

A two-thirds vote declared by Moderator.

Article 2. **VOTED:** unanimously in the affirmative.

Article 3. **VOTED:** unanimously in the affirmative.

Article 4. **VOTED:** unanimously in the affirmative.

Article 5. **VOTED:** unanimously in the affirmative for \$300.00 for the year 1956 only, to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account and apportioned equally to the Clerk and the three members of the Board of Registrars.

Article 6. The following substitute motion presented, seconded and carried:

VOTED: that the sum of \$500.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account to the Dog Officer's Salary Account.

(Motion was: Indefinite postponement.) (Motion lost.)

Count on Substitute Motion. 24 in favor — 15 not.

It's a vote.

Article 7. **VOTED:** unanimously in the affirmative for \$6.11 from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

Article 8. **VOTED:** unanimously in the affirmative for \$374.10 from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

Article 9. **VOTED:** unanimously in the affirmative for \$240.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

Article 10. VOTED: unanimously to indefinitely postpone.

Article 11. The following motion seconded and lost: To indefinitely postpone.

The following substitute motion presented, seconded and carried:

VOTED: to transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account the sum of \$3,388.00 to Article 11 of the Town Meeting of July 30, 1956; said sum of money to be used to publish the Revised By-Laws as per Section 32 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth and also to print 2,000 copies of the Revised By-Laws in book or other proper permanent form and to purchase a new and proper Town Seal as required by said Revised By-Laws.

23 in favor. 1 opposed. It's a vote.

Article 12. VOTED: in the affirmative for \$428.00 from the Sewer Assessment Reserve Account; work to be done by contract under the supervision of Town Engineer.

(Unanimous vote in the affirmative.)

Article 13. VOTED: in the affirmative for \$1,000.00 from the Sewer Assessment Reserve Account, work to be done by contract under supervision of Town Engineer.

(Unanimous vote in the affirmative.)

Article 14. The following substitute motion presented, seconded and carried:

VOTED: in the affirmative for \$3,600.00. said sum to be taken from the Excess and Deficiency Account; work to be done by contract under supervision of Town Engineer.

(36 in favor; 2 against.) It's a vote.

Article 15. The following substitute motion presented, seconded and carried:

VOTED: that the Town transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account the sum of \$6,500.00 for the construction of a storm drain from the existing drain on Mary Ellen Lane, thence westerly along Mary Ellen Lane and northerly along Judith Ave., to the Nuisance Brook at Dresser Field, a distance of about 400 feet, this work to be done by contract under supervision of Town Engineer.

(28 in favor; 12 against. It's a vote.)

Article 16. The following motion presented, seconded and carried:

VOTED: that the Town change the name of Crops Road which extends from Lebanon Hill to the Dudley Town Line crossing Route No. 93 to Tipton Rock Road.

(Unanimous vote in the affirmative.)

Article 17. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for the sum of \$1.00, said sum to be taken from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

At 9 P. M. it was voted that the meeting be dissolved.
A true record. Attest: CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk.

**WARRANT FOR STATE PRIMARY
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Worcester, ss:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Southbridge,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitatnts of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet in the several polling places in said Southbridge, designated by the Selectmen, to wit: In Precinct No. 1 Mary E. Wells High School, in Precinct No. 2 West Street School, in Precinct No. 3 Sacred Heart Parish Hall, in Precinct No. 4 Eastford Road School, on Tuesday, the eighteenth day of September, 1956, at 8 A. M. O'Clock for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the Nomination of Candidates of Political Parties for the following offices:

Governor for this Commonwealth.

Lieutenant Governor for this Commonwealth.

Secretary of the Commonwealth for this Commonwealth.

Treasurer and Receiver General for this Commonwealth.

Auditor of the Commonwealth for this Commonwealth.

Attorney General for this Commonwealth.

Representative in Congress for Third Congressional District.

Councillor for Seventh Councillor District.

Senator for Worcester & Hampden Senatorial District.

(One) 1 Representative in General Court for Fifth Worcester Representative District.

County Commissioner — Two (2) for Worcester County.

Sheriff for Worcester County.

The polls will be open from 8 A. M. to 8 P. M.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this tenth day of September A.D., 1956.

ARMAND O. DeGRENIER,
WESLEY K. COLE,
ROYCE FITZPATRICK,
Selectmen of the Town of Southbridge.

A true copy. Attest:

BLAISE TRUDEAU,
Constable of Southbridge.

September 10, 1956.

Southbridge, Mass., September 10, 1956.

Worcester, ss:

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Southbridge by posting up attested copies of the same in four conspicuous public places, namely: Town Hall, Metros Bros., Laughnane News Room, and Lippe's Market, and now return this warrant with my doings thereon as above described this 10th day of September, 1956.

September 10, 1956. BLAISE TRUDEAU, Constable of Southbridge.

A true copy. Attest: CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk.

STATE PRIMARY, REPUBLICAN — SEPTEMBER 18, 1956

Total vote	278				
Precincts	1	2	3	4	Total

Governor:

Sumner G. Whittier, 103 Linden St., Everett	94	57	38	66	
Blanks	7	4	7	5	
Total	101	61	45	71	278

Lieutenant Governor:

Charles Gibbons, 53 Oak St., Stoneham	95	56	38	67	
Blanks	6	5	7	4	
Total	101	61	45	71	278

Secretary:

Richard I. Furbush, 436 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham	97	55	37	69	
Blanks	4	6	8	2	
Total	101	61	45	71	278

Treasurer:

Robert H. Beaudreau, Hosmer St., Marlborough	97	57	39	67	
Blanks	4	4	6	4	
Total	101	61	45	71	278

Auditor:

Joseph A. Nobile, 914 Beacon St., Boston	96	54	37	67	
Blanks	5	7	8	4	278
Total	101	61	45	71	278

Attorney General:

George Fingold, 37 Lowell Rd., Concord	96	53	38	68	
Blanks	5	8	7	3	
Total	101	61	45	71	278

Congressman (Third District):

Robert A. Parker, 16 Spring St., Northbridge	95	54	35	67	
Blanks	6	7	10	4	
Total	101	61	45	71	278

Councillor (Seventh District):

Quintin J. Cristy, 11 Surrey Lane, Shrewsbury	53	26	26	33	
Warren G. Harris, Harris Grove, Millbury	40	28	8	33	
Blanks	8	7	11	5	
Total	101	61	45	71	278

Senator (Worcester & Hampden Dist.):

Roy F. Cooke, 1 Park St., Athol	92	47	37	65	
Blanks	9	14	8	6	
Total	101	61	45	71	278

**Representative in General Court
(Fifth Worc. Dist.):**

Arthur A. Allard, 340 Main St., Southbridge	1	0	0	0	
Wesley K. Cole, N. Woodstock Rd., Southbridge, Mass.	1	0	0	0	
Blanks	99	61	45	71	
Totals	101	61	45	71	278

County Commissioners (Worcester County):

Joseph H. Ellinwood, 91 Starrett Ave., Athol	83	51	32	64	
Albert D. Riopel, 4 Shattuck St., Worcester	81	49	34	56	
Blanks	38	22	24	22	
Total	202	122	90	142	556

Sheriff (Worcester County):

William A. Bennett, 116 Summer St., Worcester ..	94	57	37	69	
Blanks	7	4	8	2	
Total	101	61	45	71	278

A true record of the votes cast as returned by the Precinct Officers and tabulated by the Town Clerk.

A true copy. Attest: CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk.

STATE PRIMARY, DEMOCRATIC — SEPTEMBER 18, 1956

Total vote				1,464	
Precincts	1	2	3	4	Total

Governor:

Foster Furcolo, 812 Long- meadow St., Longmeadow	321	161	398	102	982
Thomas H. Buckley, 198 Centre Ave., Abington	145	58	130	24	357
Blanks	43	24	47	11	125
Total	509	243	575	137	1,464

Lieutenant Governor:

Robert F. Murphy, 90 West Border Rd., Malden	134	72	117	33	356
James A. Burke, 91 Rockdale St., Boston	25	18	37	19	99
George A. Wells, 59 Clark St., Worcester	317	145	374	75	911
Blanks	33	8	47	10	98
Total	509	243	575	137	1,464

Secretary:

Edward J. Cronin, 13 Pinecrest Ave., Peabody ..	387	199	418	100	1,104
Robert Emmet Dinsmore, 113 Bunker Hill St., Boston	66	26	87	19	198
Blanks	56	18	70	18	162
Total	509	243	575	137	1,464

Treasurer:

Clement A. Riley, 132 Berwick Place, Norwood	96	55	102	27	280
John F. Kennedy, 2222 Washington St., Canton	217	108	239	64	628

John F. Buckley, 41 Chestnut St., Boston	50	27	67	9	153
Henry Joseph Hurley, 55 Dakota St., Boston	32	8	35	6	81
John M. Kennedy, 60 Radcliffe St., Boston	63	21	76	16	176
Blanks	51	24	56	15	146
Total	509	243	575	137	1,464

Auditor:

Thomas J. Buckley, 21 Pinckney St., Boston	423	205	478	111	1,217
Blanks	86	38	97	26	247
Total	509	243	575	137	1,464

Attorney General:

Joseph D. Ward, 29 Allston Place, Fitchburg	276	141	271	60	748
Edward J. McCormack, Jr., 1110 Morton St., Boston	170	78	246	59	553
Blanks	63	24	58	18	163
Total	509	243	575	137	1,464

Congressman (Third District):

Philip J. Philbin, 23 Berlin St., Clinton	428	208	476	120	1,232
Blanks	81	35	99	17	232
Total	509	243	575	137	1,464

Councillor (Seventh District):

Edmund Burke, 83 Park Ave., Worcester	162	90	170	33	455
Michael J. Favulli, 79 Upsala St., Worcester	131	51	182	48	412
Joseph Gutowski, 29 Duxbury Rd., Worcester	26	24	32	14	96
Stephen F. Loughlin, 339 Grafton St., Worcester ..	33	14	32	6	85
Jane D. O'Brien, 9 Ascadilla Rd., Worcester	63	27	56	9	155
John N. Salerno, 5 Northampton St., Worcester ..	24	15	26	6	71
Walter C. Stopyra, 27 Lafayette St., Worcester ..	5	4	10	5	24
Blanks	65	18	67	16	166
Total	509	243	575	137	1,464

Senator (Worcester & Hampden District):

Paul H. Benoit,					
771 Lebanon Hill, Southbridge	485	229	547	130	1,391
Blanks	24	14	28	7	73
Total	509	243	575	137	1,464

**Representative in General Court
(Fifth Worcester District):**

Leo J. Cournoyer,					
384 Main St., Southbridge	482	231	544	130	1,387
Blanks	27	12	31	7	77
Total	509	243	575	137	1,464

County Commissioners (Worcester Cty.):

Joseph A. Aspero,					
172 Burncoat St., Worcester	132	64	174	54	424
Francis E. Cassidy,					
790 School St., Webster	205	97	199	50	551
P. Eugene Casey,					
30 Purchase St., Milford	53	20	38	8	119
William McNally, Jr.,					
93 Pleasant St., Clinton	12	10	15	5	42
Albert F. Peloquin,					
Brimfield Rd., Sturbridge	376	189	434	98	1,097
Joseph P. Sharry,					
29 Deer Pond Drive, Leicester	31	12	28	11	82
Blanks	209	94	262	48	613
Total	1,018	486	1,150	274	2,928

Sheriff (Worcester County):

Francis M. Hickey,					
18 Suburban Rd., Worcester	162	79	188	40	469
John H. Philbin,					
136 Summit St., Clinton	289	146	324	81	840
Blanks	58	18	63	16	155
Total	509	243	575	137	1,464

A true record of the votes cast as returned by the Precinct Officers and tabulated by the Town Clerk.

A true copy. Attest: CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk.

Special Town Meeting

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss:

To either of the constables of the Town of Southbridge, in the County of Worcester, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Southbridge aforesaid qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of Southbridge on Monday, October 1, 1956 at 7:30 P. M. to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote, hear and accept the report of the Board of Selectmen as to the abandonment of a portion of the 1956 layout of Lee Street for a distance of 120 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 for the Veterans' Benefits Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or transfer the sum of \$700.00 to the Extra Clerk Account of the Tax Collector's Office, or act anything thereon.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 for the Tuberculosis and Contagious Diseases Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to the Temporary Interest Account, same to be taken from Available Balances, or act anything thereon.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$990.00 to pay the rent for the Massachusetts National Guard quarters at 15 Goddard Street, Southbridge, to Metro Brothers, 333 Main Street, Southbridge, for the period July 1 through December 31, 1956, said sum of \$990.00 to be reimbursed to the Town Treasurer by the office of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Quartermaster, 905 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts. All as per letter from Colonel Ralph Noonan to the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, or act anything thereon.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to hear, act on and accept the report of the Selectmen as to the laying out as a public way a certain street to be known as Jennison Street,

commencing at the westerly side of North Woodstock Road, thence westerly for about 497 feet, to the easterly side line of Old North Woodstock Road, or act anything thereon.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to hear, act on, and accept the report of the Selectmen as to the laying out as a public way a certain street to be known as Cleveland Street, commencing at the southerly line of Langlois Ave., thence southerly for a distance of about 237 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to hear, act on and accept the report of the Selectmen as to the laying out as a public way a certain street to be known as Elmwood Road, commencing on the easterly side of Lebanon Hill, thence easterly for a distance of 477.47 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 10. (None).

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the removal of a large elm tree located on the east side of Elm Street, adjacent to the Elm Market, or act anything thereon.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$3,000.00 to establish a new account known as the "Land Damage Appraisal Account," said funds to be used and expended to employ non-resident, non-taxpaying real estate appraiser who are qualified to testify in the Superior Courts of the Commonwealth, said sum of money to be expended for appraisals of Land Damages caused by the reconstruction of Eastford Road, Charlton Street bridge, River Street bridge, Westville bridge, Mill Street bridge, Central Street bridge, Dresser Hill Road bridge, and any other Land Damages caused by proper vote of the Town, or act anything thereon.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer, to the "Damage to Persons and Property Account" the sum of \$2,625.60, said sum of money to be used to pay LeRoy Briggs in full settlement of his petition in the Superior Court in Equity #103,807; said amount of trespass damages being as per the Master's Report filed September 10, 1956 in Worcester Superior Court, or act anything thereon.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$3,783.00, for Contributory Group Life, Accident, Hospitalization Medical Surgical Insurance for persons in the services of the Town of Southbridge and their dependents in accordance with Chapter 32B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, or act anything thereon.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$100.00, to an account known as the Southbridge Board of Review Expense Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$64.53 to reimburse the Overdrawn Insurance Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$2,450.00, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase 878 square feet of land at the northwest corner of the junction of Mill Street and the Quinebaug River in said Southbridge, from Anthony Ciesla and Walter Ciesla, said land being needed for the construction of a bridge at said location, or act anything thereon.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies in four (4) conspicuous places within the Town at least seven (7) days before holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the same time and place aforesaid.

ARMAND O. DeGRENIER,
WESLEY K. COLE
ROYCE FITZPATRICK,
Selectmen of Southbridge.

A true copy. Attest:

BLAISE TRUDEAU,
Constable of Southbridge.
9/24/56 7 P. M.

A true copy. Attest:

CLARE P. BOYER,
Town Clerk.

Southbridge, Mass.
September 24, 1956.

Worcester, ss:

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Southbridge by posting up attested copies of the same in four conspicuous public places, namely: Town Hall, Metro Bros., Laughnane's News Room and Lippe's Market and now return this warrant with my doings thereon as above described this 24th day of September, 1956.

A true copy. Attest:

s/ BLAISE TRUDEAU, Constable
9/24/56 7 P. M.

A true copy. Attest: CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting

OCTOBER 1, 1956

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P. M. by Moderator Rosario Normandin.

VOTED: That the reading of the Warrant be dispensed with.

The Moderator informed the inhabitants present that this Special Town Meeting was not legally called. The reason why it was not legally called, he quoted, "Article 3, Section 3 of the Revised By-Laws." Then he further stated, "We need a quorum." He then added, "It would be better to hold said Special Town meeting at a later date."

VOTED: that this meeting be dissolved.

A true copy. Attest: CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk.

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Southbridge, in the County of Worcester.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Southbridge aforesaid qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of Southbridge on Monday, October 15, 1956 at 7:30 P. M. to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to hear and accept the report of the Board of Selectmen as to the abandonment of a portion of the 1956 layout of Lee Street for a distance of 120 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 for the Veterans' Benefits Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or transfer the sum of \$700.00 to the Extra Clerk Account of the Tax Collector's Office, or act anything thereon.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 for the Tuberculosis and Contagious Diseases Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to strike out and make null and void Section 3 of Article III of the Town By-Laws adopted by the Town April 30, 1956. Said Section now reading as follows: Notice of every town meeting shall be given by publishing an attested copy of the warrant at least twice in a newspaper or newspapers regularly printed within the town and by posting such attested copies in at least six public places in the Town, not less than seven days before the day fixed for such meeting. Said warrant to be prepared by the Selectmen, and substitute therefor the following wording which shall be known as Section 3 of Article III of the Town By-Laws: Notice of every town meeting shall be given by publishing an attested copy of the warrant at least twice in a newspaper or newspapers regularly printed within the town or by posting such attested copies in at least six public places in the Town, not less than seven days before the day fixed for such meeting. Said warrant to be prepared by the Selectmen, or act anything thereon.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$990.00 to pay the rent for the Massachusetts National Guard quarters at 15 Goddard Street, Southbridge, to Metro Brothers, 333 Main Street, Southbridge, for the period July 1 through December 31, 1956, said sum of \$990.00 to be reimbursed to the Town Treasurer by the office of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Quartermaster, 905 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass. All as per letter from Colonel Ralph Noonan to the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, or act anything thereon.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to hear, act on and accept the report of the Selectmen as to the laying out as a public way a certain street to be known as Jennison Street commencing at the westerly side of North Woodstock Road thence westerly for about 497 feet to the easterly side line of Old North Woodstock Road, or act anything thereon.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to hear, act on and accept the report of the Selectmen as to the laying out as a public way a certain street to be known as Cleveland Street, commencing at the southerly line of Langlois Ave., thence southerly for a distance of about 237 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to hear, act on and accept the report of the Selectmen as to the laying out as a public way a certain street to be known as Elmwood Road, commencing on the easterly side of Lebanon Hill thence easterly for a distance of 477.47 feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$300.00 to the Forest Fire Expense Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the removal of a large elm tree located on the east side of Elm Street adjacent to the Elm Market, or act anything thereon.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$1,500.00 to establish a new account known as the "Land Damage Appraisal Account," said funds to be used and expended to employ non-resident, non-taxpaying real estate appraisers who are qualified to testify in the Superior Courts of the Commonwealth, said sum of money to be expended for appraisals of land damages caused by the reconstruction of Eastford Road, Charlton Street bridge, River Street bridge, Westville bridge, Mill Street bridge, Central Street bridge, Dresser Hill Road bridge, and any other land damages caused by proper vote of the Town, or act anything thereon.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer, to the Damage to Persons and Property Account the sum of \$2,625.60. Said sum of money to be used to pay LeRoy Briggs in full settlement of his petition in the Superior Court in Equity #103,807; said amount of trespass damages being as per the Master's Report filed September 10, 1956 in Worcester Superior Court, or act anything thereon.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$3,783.00 for Contributory Group Life, Accident, Hospitalization Medical Surgical Insurance for persons in the services of the Town of Southbridge and their dependents in accordance with Chapter 32B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, or act anything thereon.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$100.00 to an account known as the Southbridge Board of Review Expense Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$64.53 to reimburse the Overdrawn Insurance Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$2,450.00 and authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase 878 square feet of land at the northwest corner of the Junction of Mill Street and the

Quinebaug River in said Southbridge, from Anthony Ciesla and Walter Ciesla, said land being needed for the construction of a bridge at said location, or act anything thereon.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies in six (6) conspicuous places within the Town at least seven (7) days before holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the same time and place aforesaid.

ARMAND O. DeGRENIER,
WESLEY K. COLE,
ROYCE FITZPATRICK,
Selectmen of Southbridge.

A true copy. Attest:

BLAISE TRUDEAU,
Constable of Southbridge.
10-2-56 7 P. M.

A true copy. Attest: CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk.

Southbridge, Mass.
October 2, 1956

Worcester, ss:

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Southbridge by posting up attested copies of the same in six conspicuous public places, namely: Town Hall, Fire Station, Elm St.; Fire Station, West St.; Mary E. Wells H. S., Library and Police Station, and now return this warrant with my doings thereon as above described this second day of October, 1956.

A true copy. Attest: BLAISE TRUDEAU, Constable.
October 2, 1956. 4:45 P. M.

The following announced by the Moderator: Published in Southbridge News, on October 3 and October 5.

A true copy. Attest: CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk.

Special Town Meeting

OCTOBER 15, 1956

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P. M. by Moderator Rosario Normandin.

VOTED: That the reading of the Warrant be dispensed with.

The Moderator announced that the Warrant had been published in The Southbridge News on October 3rd and October 5th, 1956.

The Moderator named the following tellers to count those attending meeting: S. Rice, R. Arpin, R. Fitzpatrick and L. Manseault.

Reported by tellers: 143 which was the first count.

Reported by tellers: 148 which was the second count.

Reported by tellers: 159 which was the third count.

The quorum met, with the meeting proceeding.

Article 1. The following motion presented, seconded and carried unanimously in the affirmative:

VOTED: that the Town hear and accept the report of the Board of Selectmen to abandon a portion of the 1956 layout of Lee Street for a distance of 120 feet, as shown on plan recorded with the Town Clerk.

Article 2. VOTED: uanimously in the affirmative for \$9,000.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account and \$1,000.00 from the Overlay Surplus Account.

Article 3. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for \$700.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

Article 4. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative to transfer \$500.00 from the Premature Births Account to the Tuberculosis and Contagious Diseases Account.

Article 5. The following substitute motion presented, seconded and carried:

VOTED: that the Town strike out and make null and void Section 3 of Article III of the Town By-Laws adopted by the Town April 30, 1956. Said Section now reading as follows: Notice of every town meeting shall be given by publishing an attested copy of the warrant at least twice in a newspaper or newspapers regularly printed within the town and by posting such attested copies in at least six public places in the Town, not less than seven days before the day fixed for such meeting. Said warrant to be prepared by the Selectmen, and substitute therefor the following wording which shall be known as Section 3 of Article III of the Town By-Laws: Notice of every

town meeting shall be given by publishing an attested copy of the warrant at least twice in a newspaper or newspapers regularly printed within the Town or by posting such attested copies in at least six conspicuous places in the Town, not less than seven days before the day fixed for such meeting. Said warrant be prepared by the Selectmen.

Moderator announced that a two-thirds vote was necessary. Unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Count of hands: Affirmative, 85 Negative, 0.

Result announced by Moderator.

Boston, Mass., October 30, 1956.

The foregoing amendment to Revised By-Laws of 1956 is hereby approved.

s/ GEORGE FINGOLD,
Attorney General.

Published in the Southbridge News, November 15, 16, 17, 1956.

Article 6. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for \$990.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

Article 7. The following motion presented, seconded and carried: VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative that the Town accept the report of the Selectmen as to the laying out as a public way a certain street to be known as Jennison Street, commencing at the westerly side of North Woodstock Road, thence westerly for about 497 feet to the easterly side line of Old North Woodstock Road. No Land Damages per announcement of Selectmen.

Article 8. The following motion presented, seconded and carried: VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative that the Town accept the report of the Selectmen as to the laying out as a public way a certain street to be known as Cleveland Street, commencing at the southerly line of Langlois Ave., thence southerly for a distance of about 237 feet. No Land Damages per announcement of Selectmen.

Article 9. The following motion presented, seconded and carried:

VOTED: that the Town accept the report of the Selectmen as to the laying out as a public way a certain street to be known as Elmwood Road, commencing on the easterly side of Lebanon Hill, thence easterly for a distance of 477.47 feet. No Land Damages per announcement of Selectmen.

Article 10. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for \$300.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

Article 11. VOTED: indefinite postponement.

Article 12. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative that the Town raise from the Tax Levy of 1957, the sum of \$1,500.00 to establish a new account to be known as the "Land Damage Appraisal Account."

Article 13. VOTED: that the Town raise from the Tax Levy of 1957, the sum of \$2,625.60 to be paid to LeRoy Briggs in full settlement of his petition in the Superior Court in Equity #103,807.

Article 14. VOTED: that the Town raise from the Tax Levy of 1957, the sum of \$3,783.00 for payment of Contributory Group Life, Accident, Hospitalization Medical Surgical Insurance and incorporating herein the recommendation of the Board of Review.

The Moderator announced that it was three-fourths vote. Motion made and seconded and carried: That the reading of the Advisory Board of Review's report be dispensed with. That said report be filed with the Town Clerk. Unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Article 15. VOTED: in the affirmative for \$100.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

Article 16. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for \$64.53 from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

Article 17. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative that the Town raise from the Tax Levy of 1957, the sum of \$2,450.00 for payment of land described in article.

VOTED: to adjourn. (Time: 8:45 P.M.)

A true copy. Attest: CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk.

TOWN WARRANT

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Southbridge,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in State Elections to meet in the several polling places in said Southbridge, designated by the Selectmen, to wit: in Precinct #1 Mary E. Wells High School; in Precinct #2 West Street School; in Precinct #3 Sacred Heart Parish Hall; in Precinct #4 Eastford Road School, on Tuesday, the sixth day of

November, 1956, at 8:00 A. M. o'clock for the following purposes:

To bring in your votes to the election officers for the following officers and to vote "yes" or "no" on the following questions:

Presidential Electors; Governor; Lieutenant-Governor; Secretary; Treasurer; Auditor; Attorney General; Representative in Congress for the Third District; Councillor for the Seventh District; Senator for the Worcester and Hampden District; Representative in General Court for the Fifth Worcester District (1); County Commissioners for Worcester County (2); Sheriff for Worcester County.

Question No. 1

A. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (whiskey, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages)?

B. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale and all other malt beverages)?

C. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages in packages, so-called, not to be drunk on the premises?

The polls will be open from 8:00 A. M. to 8:00 P. M.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-ninth day of October A. D. 1956.

ARMAND O. DeGRENIER,
WESLEY K. COLE,
ROYCE FITZPATRICK,
Southbridge Board of Selectmen.

A true copy. Attest:

BLAISE TRUDEAU, Constable.
7:00 P. M. October 25, 1956.

Southbridge, Mass.
October 25, 1956.

Worcester, ss:

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Southbridge by posting up attested copies of the same in six conspicuous public places, namely: Town Hall, Fire Station Elm St., Fire Station West St., Mary E. Wells H. S., Library and Police Station, and now return this

warrant with my doings thereon as above described this 25th day of October, 1956.

BLAISE TRUDEAU,
Constable of Southbridge.
A true copy. Attest: CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk.
October 25, 1956 at 7:00 P. M.

The Southbridge Board of Selectmen have published the warrant of the State Election in the Southbridge Evening News on October 27, 1956 and October 29, 1956.

ARMAND O. DeGRENIER,
WESLEY K. COLE,
ROYCE FITZPATRICK,
Selectmen of Southbridge.

A true copy. Attest: CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk.

STATE ELECTIONS — NOVEMBER 6, 1956

Total Vote — 8,919

	Precinct — 1	2	3	4	Grand Total
Electors of President and Vice President:					
Eisenhower & Nixon, Rep.	1497	864	1237	626	4224
Hass & Cozzini, Socialist-Labor	4	4	6	1	15
Holtwick & Cooper, Prohibition	2	0	0	0	2
Stevenson & Kefauver, Dem.	1529	895	1665	439	4528
Blanks	47	19	61	23	150
Total	3079	1782	2969	1089	8919

Governor:

Foster Furcolo, Dem.	1968	1118	2068	568	5722
Sumner G. Whittier, Rep.	1044	620	801	489	2954
Henning A. Blomen, Soc.-Labor	1	5	5	3	14
Mark R. Shaw, Prog.	4	3	11	0	18
Blanks	62	36	84	29	211
Total	3079	1782	2969	1089	8919

Lieutenant Governor:

Charles Gibbons, Rep.	957	594	740	493	2784
Robert F. Murphy, Dem.	1925	1095	2024	535	5579
Harold E. Bassett, Prog.	22	8	25	7	62
Francis A. Votano, Soc.-Labor	13	11	19	2	45
Blanks	162	74	161	52	449
Total	3079	1782	2969	1089	8919

Secretary:

Edwin J. Cronin, Dem.	2043	1170	2135	574	5922
Richard I. Furbush, Rep.	855	518	612	443	2428
Earl F. Dodge, Prog.	8	8	19	5	40
Lawrence Gilfedder, Soc.-Labor	3	6	15	2	26
Blanks	170	80	188	65	503
Total	3079	1782	2969	1089	8919

Treasurer:

John F. Kennedy, Dem.	1922	1137	2108	556	5723
Robert H. Beaudreau, Rep.	1035	571	713	489	2808
Isaac Goddard, Prog.	5	0	10	1	16
Willy N. Hogseth, Soc.-Labor	4	7	6	1	18
Blanks	113	67	132	42	354
Total	3079	1782	2969	1089	8919

Auditor:

Thomas J. Buckley, Dem.	2101	1212	2225	611	6149
Joseph A. Nobile, Rep.	773	456	522	402	2153
John B. Lauder, Prog.	12	4	4	4	24
Anthony Martin, Soc.-Labor	11	12	20	3	46
Blanks	182	98	198	69	547
Total	3079	1782	2969	1089	8919

Attorney General:

George Fingold, Rep.	1063	653	818	513	3047
Edward J. McCormack, Jr., Dem.	1842	1029	1961	521	5353
Fred M. Ingersoll, Soc.-Labor	8	11	7	1	27
Howard B. Rand, Prog.	9	0	7	1	17
Blanks	157	89	176	53	475
Total	3079	1782	2969	1089	8919

Congressman, Third District:

Philip J. Philbin, Dem.	2328	1352	2451	715	6846
Robert A. Parker, Rep.	646	368	407	334	1755
Blanks	105	62	111	40	318
Total	3079	1782	2969	1089	8919

Councillor, Seventh District:

Michael J. Favulli, Dem.	2040	1196	2172	597	6005
Warren G. Harris, Rep.	850	475	594	413	2332
Blanks	189	111	203	79	582
Total	3079	1782	2969	1089	8919

***Senator, Worcester & Hampden Dist.:**

Paul H. Benoit, Dem.	2487	1422	2536	774	7219
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Roy F. Cooke, Rep.	545	333	370	300	1548
Blanks	47	27	55	15	144
Total	3079	1782	2961	1089	8911

*NOTE: At Precinct #3, on November 6, 1956, The Warden, Theophile Morin, telephoned the Town Clerk on the following: For the office of Senator for Worcester and Hampden District eight (8) incorrectly printed ballots were used by eight (8) voters. The following is a copy of the Ballot used.

Senator, Third Worcester District—Vote for ONE

Elizabeth A. Stanton of Fitchburg	Democratic	6			
James E. Coyne of Clinton	Republican	1			
Blanks		1			
Total		8			
Whole Number of Ballots		8			
Total Votes Cast					8919

***Representative in General Court,
Fifth Worcester District:**

Leo J. Cournoyer, Dem.	2690	1540	2662	919	7811
Blanks	389	242	299	170	1100
Total	3079	1782	2961	1089	8911

*NOTE: At Precinct #3, on November 6, 1956, the Warden, Theophile Morin, telephoned the Town Clerk on the following: For the office of Representative in General Court, Fifth Worcester District, eight (8) incorrectly printed ballots were used by eight (8) voters. The following is a copy of the Ballot used:

Representative in General Court,

11th Worcester District Vote for TWO:

C. Clifford Stone of Clinton	Republican	1			
William M. Duffy of Northborough	Democratic	6			
Francis Q. McNamara of Clinton	Democratic	6			
Bessie I. Murray of Northborough	Republican	1			
Blanks		2			
Total		16			
Whole Number of Ballots		8			
Total Votes Cast					8919

County Commissioners, Worcester County:

Joseph A. Aspero, Dem.	1787	1037	1984	528	5336
Francis E. Cassidy, Dem.	1842	1080	1882	555	5359
Joseph H. Ellinwood, Rep.	675	392	450	352	1869
Albert D. Riopel, Rep.	994	518	698	451	2661
Blanks	860	537	924	292	2613
Total	6158	3564	5983	2178	17838

Sheriff, Worcester County:

William A. Bennett, Rep.	1245	740	987	572	3544
Francis M. Hickey, Dem.	1622	935	1765	438	4760
Blanks	212	107	217	79	615
Total	3079	1782	2969	1089	8919

Question #1:

A.					
Yes	2037	1221	2020	744	6022
No	315	163	256	106	840
Blanks	727	398	693	239	2057
Total	3079	1782	2969	1089	8919

B.					
Yes	1963	1166	1939	709	5777
No	288	145	230	96	759
Blanks	828	471	800	284	2383
Total	3079	1782	2969	1089	8919

C.					
Yes	1992	1195	1965	741	5893
No	281	136	234	88	739
Blanks	806	451	770	260	2287
Total	3079	1782	2969	1089	8919

A true record of the votes cast as returned by the Precinct Officers and tabulated by the Town Clerk and Board of Selectmen.

Attest: CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk.

TOWN WARRANT**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Worcester, ss:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Southbridge, in the County of Worcester,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Southbridge aforesaid qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of Southbridge on Wednesday, November 7, 1956 at 7:30 P. M. to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to hear, act on and accept the report of the Board of Selectmen as to the new laying out and relocation of a section of a public way known as

Charlton Street at and/or about the junction of said Street with Cady Brook, all as per Plan dated August 21, 1956 showing land necessary for bridge reconstruction now on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Selectmen to acquire or take by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, easements in such parcels of land as may be necessary to effectuate the Plan concerning said Charlton Street, dated August 21, 1956; and to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer, the sum of One Hundred Dollars for damages that may be incurred due to the taking of easements in said parcels of land, or act anything thereon.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to hear, act on and accept the report of the Board of Selectmen as to the new laying out and relocation of a section of public way known as Mill Street at and/or about the junction of said Street with the Quinebaug River; all as per Plan dated December 12, 1955, showing land necessary for bridge reconstruction now on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Selectmen to acquire or take by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, easements in such parcels of land as may be necessary to effectuate the Plan concerning said Mill Street, dated December 12, 1955; and to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer, the sum of One Hundred Dollars for damages that may be incurred due to the taking of easements in said parcels of land, or act anything thereon.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to hear, act on and accept the report of the Board of Selectmen as to the new laying out and relocation of a section of a public way known as River Street at and/or about the junction of said Street with the Quinebaug River; all as per Plan dated December 12, 1955, showing land necessary for bridge reconstruction now on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Selectmen to acquire or take by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, easements in such parcels of land as may be necessary to effectuate the Plan concerning said River Street, dated December 12, 1955; and to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer, the sum of One Hundred Dollars for damages that may be incurred due to the taking of easements in said parcels of land, or act anything thereon.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to hear, act on and accept the report of the Board of Selectmen as to the new laying out and relocation of a section of a public way known as Central Street at and/or about the junction of said Street with the Quinebaug River; all as per Plan dated September 27, 1956, showing land necessary for bridge reconstruction now on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Selectmen to acquire or take by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the

General Laws of the Commonwealth easements in such parcels of land as may be necessary to effectuate the Plan concerning said Central Street, dated September 27, 1956; and to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer, the sum of One Hundred Dollars for damages that may be incurred due to the taking of easements in said parcels of land, or act anything thereon.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to hear, act on and accept the report of the Board of Selectmen as to the new laying out and relocation of a section of a public way known as Westville Road at and/or about the junction of said Street with the Quinebaug River; all as per Plan dated January 26, 1956, showing land necessary for bridge reconstruction now on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Selectmen to acquire or take by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth easements in such parcels of land as may be necessary to effectuate the Plan concerning said Westville Road, dated January 26, 1956; and to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer, the sum of One Hundred Dollars for damages that may be incurred due to the taking of easements in said parcels of land, or act anything thereon.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the purpose of furnishing materials needed for emergency overflow to inverted siphon to be built with the construction of the Mechanic Street Bridge, or act anything thereon.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies in six (6) conspicuous places within the Town at least seven (7) days before holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the same time and place aforesaid.

ARMAND O. DeGRENIER,
WESLEY K. COLE,
ROYCE FITZPATRICK,
Selectmen of Southbridge.

A true copy. Attest:

BLAISE TRUDEAU,
Constable of Southbridge, Mass.
October 29, 1956. 7:00 P. M.

A true copy. Attest: CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk.
Southbridge, Mass.
October 29, 1956.

Worcester, ss:

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Southbridge by posting up at-

tested copies of the same in six conspicuous public places, namely: Town Hall, Elm St. Fire Station, West St. Fire Station, Mary E. Wells High School, Library and Police Station, and now return this warrant with my doings thereon as above described this 29th day of October, 1956.

A true copy. Attest:

BLAISE TRUDEAU,
Constable of Southbridge.

7:10 P. M., October 29, 1956.

A true copy. Attest: CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk.

Special Town Meeting

NOVEMBER 7, 1956

The meeting called to order at 7:30 P. M. by Moderator, R. S. Normandin.

Due to lack of quorum it was voted to adjourn to November 13, 1956.

A true copy. Attest: CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk.

Special Town Meeting

NOVEMBER 13, 1956

The meeting called to order at 7:30 P. M. by Moderator R. S. Normandin.

The Moderator named monitors. After three counts and at 8 o'clock with the quorum reached the Moderator asked the Town Clerk to read the warrant and the officer's return thereon.

VOTED: to waiver the reading of the warrant and the officer's return thereon.

Article 1. The following motion presented and seconded: Voted in the affirmative for \$100.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

The following substitute motion presented and seconded:

VOTED: to accept the report of the Board of Selectmen as to the new layout and relocation of a section of a public way known as Charlton Street at and/or about the junction of said Street with the Quinebaug River; all as per Plan dated August 21, 1956, showing land necessary for bridge and wall reconstruction now on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and voted to authorize the Selectmen to take by eminent domain under Chapter 79 and other provisions of the General Laws of the

Commonwealth, easements in such parcels of land as may be necessary to effectuate the Plan and any amendments or changes to be made to said Plan (designating less land) on file in the Town Clerk's office, and voted, that \$100.00 be taken from the Excess and Deficiency Account to pay for damages and expenses that may be incurred due to the taking of easements in the parcels of land hereinafter described as parcels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, C-1, C-2, C-3.

VOTED: to waiver the reading of above mentioned parcels.

The following amendment presented to the substitute motion: Said amendment seconded and carried:

Except that the town shall not take approximately 1,400 square feet of land of Loomis which the town has already voted to accept and pay for at the Special Town Meeting of April 30, 1956.

Count of hands:

Affirmative: 55

Negative 7

It's two-thirds vote.

Article 1. Description of parcels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, C-1, C-2, C-3.

Parcel No. 1. A parcel of land supposed to be owned by Joseph H. and Elise Desrosiers, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the northwesterly line of Charlton Street which bears N60°03'E 116.92 feet from a stone monument marking an angle in said line of Charlton Street;

Thence N 10°47'45" E 58 feet more or less by land of grantor;

Thence N 25°17'45" E 87 feet more or less by land of grantor;

Thence S 65°42'15" E 9 feet more or less by land of grantor to the face of a retaining wall at the shore line of Cady Brook;

Thence southwesterly by said face of retaining wall and shore line of Cady Brook 134 feet, more or less, to the northwesterly line of Charlton Street;

Thence S 60°03'W 10 feet, more or less, by said line of Charlton Street to the point of beginning, excepting from the above described parcel any portion of said parcel now occupied by the house standing upon land of grantor, containing about 1408 square feet of land, more or less.

Parcel No. 2

A parcel of land supposed to be owned by Teofile and Paul- in Detnerski, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the northwesterly line of Charlton Street which bears S60°03'W98.28 feet from a stone monument marking an angle in said line of Charlton Street;

Thence N 10°47'45" E 18.34 feet by land of grantor;

Thence N 25°17'45" E 105 feet, more or less, by land of grantor;

Thence southwesterly 32 feet, more or less, by land of Blanche G. Ethier to the face of a retaining wall at the shore line of Cady Brook;

Thence southwesterly by said face of retaining wall and shore line of Cady Brook 120 feet, more or less, to the northwesterly line of Charlton Street;

Thence N 60°03' E 26 feet, more or less, by said line of Charlton Street to the point of beginning, containing about 2,210 square feet of land, more or less.

Parcel No. 3

A parcel of land supposed to be owned by Albert A. Loomis, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the southeasterly line of Charlton Street which bears N 60°03' E. 9613 feet from a drill hole marking an angle in said line of Charlton Street:

Thence S 8°27'15" E 117.76 feet by land of grantor;

Thence S 36°32'45" W 14.14 feet by land of grantor;

Thence S 8°27'15" E 45.00 feet by land of grantor;

Thence N 81°32'45" E 27 feet, more or less, by land of grantor to the face of a retaining wall at the shore line of Cady Brook;

Thence northerly by said face of retaining wall and shore line of Cady Brook 175 feet, more or less, to the southeasterly line of Charlton Street;

Thence S 60°03' W 10 feet, more or less, by said line of Charlton Street to the point of beginning, containing about 2,528 square feet of land, more or less.

Parcel No. 4

A parcel of land supposed to be owned by Adalard and Albina Trambly, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the southeasterly line of Charlton Street which bears N 60°03' E 136 + feet, more or less, from a drill hole marking an angle point in said line of Charlton Street;

Thence S 8°27'15" E 137.45 feet by land of grantor;

Thence S 53°27'15" E 14.14 feet by land of grantor;

Thence S 8°27'15" E 15 feet, more or less, by land of grantor;

Thence southwesterly 21 feet, more or less, by land of American Optical Co. to the shore line of Cady Brook;

Thence northerly by said shore line and the face of retaining wall 170 feet, more or less, to the southeasterly line of Charlton Street;

Thence N 60°03' E 13 feet, more or less, by said line of Charlton Street to the point of beginning, excepting from the above described parcel any portion of said parcel now occupied by the house standing upon land of grantor, containing about 2,385 square feet of land, more or less.

Parcel No. 5

A parcel of land supposed to be owned by American Optical Company, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the southwesterly corner of a parcel of land owned by Adalard & Albina Tramblay, said corner bearing southerly 170 feet, more or less, along the face of a retaining wall and the easterly shore line of Cady Brook from the south-easterly line of Charlton Street;

Thence southerly 16 feet, more or less, along the said shore line of Cady Brook;

Thence N 81°32'45" E 16 feet, more or less, by land of grantor;

Thence N 8°27'15" W 30 feet, more or less, by land of grantor to a corner of a parcel of land owned by Adalard & Albina Tramblay;

Thence southwesterly 21 feet, more or less, by land of Adalard & Albina Tramblay to the point of beginning, containing about 400 square feet of land, more or less.

Parcel No. 6

A parcel of land, owner unknown, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the northwesterly corner of a parcel of land owned by Gerald Lapierre, said corner bearing northeasterly 231 feet, more or less, along the face of a retaining wall and the shore line of Cady Brook, from the northwesterly line of Charlton Street;

Thence northeasterly 10 feet, more or less, along said shore line of Cady Brook;

Thence S 64°42'15" E 20 feet, more or less, by land of grantor;

Thence S 25°17'45" W 20 feet, more or less, by land of grantor to land owned by Gerald Lapierre;

Thence northerly 16 feet, more or less, by land of Gerald Lapierre;

Thence westerly 15 feet, more or less, by land of Gerald Lapierre to the point of beginning, containing about 232 square feet of land, more or less.

Parcel No. 7

A parcel of land supposed to be owned by Gerald Lapierre, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the northwesterly corner of a parcel of land owned by Teofile & Pauline Detnerski, said corner bearing

northeasterly 120 feet, more or less, along the face of a retaining wall and the shore line of Cady Brook, from the northwesterly line of Charlton Street;

Thence northeasterly 111 feet, more or less, along said shore line of Cady Brook;

Thence easterly 15 feet, more or less, by land of an unknown owner;

Thence southerly 16 feet, more or less, by said land of an unknown owner;

Thence S 25°17'45" W 20 feet, more or less, by land of grantor;

Thence S 70°17'45" W 14.14 feet by land of grantor;

Thence S 25°17'45" W 45 feet, more or less, by land of grantor;

Thence southwesterly 32 feet, more or less, by land of Teofile & Pauline Detnerski to the point of beginning, containing about 2,192 square feet of land, more or less.

Parcel No. C-1

A parcel of land, owner unknown, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the northwesterly line of land of Gerald Lapierre, said point bearing northeasterly 156 feet, more or less, from the northwesterly line of Charlton Street along the shore line of Cady Brook;

Thence northeasterly 75 feet, more or less, by said shore line of Cady Brook;

Thence N 64°42'15" W 15 feet, more or less, by land of grantor;

Thence S 25°17'45" W 86 feet, more or less, by land of Joseph H. & Elise Desrosiers to the point of beginning, containing about 792 square feet of land, more or less.

Parcel No. C-2

A parcel of land supposed to be owned by Joseph H. & Elise Desrosiers, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the northwesterly line of Charlton Street, which bears N 60°03' E 127 feet, more or less, from a stone monument marking an angle point in said line of Charlton Street;

Thence northeasterly 134 feet, more or less, by land of grantor and by the face of a retaining wall at the shore line of Cady Brook;

Thence S 64°42'15" E 13 feet, more or less, by land of grantor;

Thence N 25°17'45" E 47 feet, more or less, by land of grantor;

Thence southeasterly 6 feet, more or less, by land of an unknown owner;

Thence southwesterly 156 feet, more or less, by land of Teofile & Pauline Detnerski and by the face of a retaining wall at the shore line of Cady Brook to the northwesterly line of Charlton Street;

Thence S 60°03' W 30 feet, more or less, by said line of Charlton Street to the point of beginning, containing about 2,482 square feet of land, more or less.

Parcel No. C-3

A parcel of land, owner unknown, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the southeasterly line of Charlton Street, which bears N 60°03' E 106 feet, more or less, from a drill hole marking an angle in said line of Charlton Street;

Thence southerly 175 feet, more or less, by land of Albert A. Loomis and by a retaining wall at the shore line of Cady Brook;

Thence N 81°32'45" E 27 feet, more or less, by land of grantor;

Thence northerly 186 feet, more or less, by land of American Optical Co. and land of Adalard & Albina Trambly and by the face southeasterly line of Charlton Street;

Thence S 60°03, W 30 feet, more or less, by said line of Charlton Street to the point of beginning, containing 4,760 square feet of land, more or less.

Article 2. The following motion presented and seconded:

VOTED: in the affirmative for \$100.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

The following substitute motion presented, seconded:

VOTED: to accept the report of the Board of Selectmen as to the new layout and relocation of a section of a public way known as Mill Street at and/or about the junction of said Street with the Quinebaug River; all as per Plan dated December 12, 1955 showing land necessary for bridge reconstruction now on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and voted to authorize the Selectmen to take by eminent domain under Chapter 79 and other provisions of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, easements in such parcels of land as may be necessary to effectuate the plan and any amendments or changes to be made to said plan on file in the Town Clerk's office, and voted, that \$100.00 be taken from the Excess and Deficiency Account to pay for damages and expenses that may be incurred due to the taking of easements in the parcels of land hereinafter described as parcels 1, 2, 3, 4, TB-1, C-1, C-2, C-3, C-5, C-6, C-7.

VOTED: to waiver the reading of above mentioned parcels:

Description of parcels.

Parcel No. 1

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of Mill Street supposed to be owned by Antonio and Walter Ciesla, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the westerly line of Mill Street on a bearing of N 77°11'00" W 21.62 feet from station 2 + 63;

Thence N 77°11'00" W 6.00 feet to a point;

Thence S 12°49'00" W 36 feet, more or less, to a point on the northerly line of the Quinebaug River;

Thence easterly by the northerly line of said River 6 feet, more or less, to the westerly line of Mill Street;

Thence N 12°49'00" E 36 feet, more or less, to point of beginning, containing 228 square feet, more or less.

Parcel No. 2

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of Mill Street supposed to be owned by Westwood Textile Mfg., Inc., bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the easterly line of Mill Street on a bearing of S 77°11'00" E 18.38 feet from station 2 + 63;

Thence S 77°11'00" E 6.00 feet to a point;

Thence S 12°49'00" W. 33.00 feet, more or less, to a point on the northerly line of the Quinebaug River;

Thence westerly by the northerly line of said River 6 feet, more or less, to the easterly line of Mill Street;

Thence N 12°49'00" E 33 feet, more or less, to point of beginning, containing 200 square feet, more or less.

Parcel No. 3

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of Mill Street supposed to be owned by Ames Textile Corporation, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the easterly line of Mill Street on a bearing of S 77°11'00" E 20.24 feet from station 1 + 40;

Thence S 77°11'00" E 6.00 feet to a point;

Thence N 12°49'00" E 18 feet, more or less, to a point on the southerly line of the Quinebaug River;

Thence westerly by the southerly line of said river 6 feet, more or less, to the easterly line of Mill Street;

Thence S 12°49'00" W by the easterly line of Mill Street 17 feet, more or less, to point of beginning, containing 108 square feet, more or less.

Parcel No. 4

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of Mill Street supposed to be owned by Joseph and Helen C. Seremet, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the westerly line of Mill Street on a bearing of N 77°11'00" W 19.76 feet from station 1 + 40;

Thence N 77°11'00" W 6.00 feet to a point;

Thence N 12°49'00" E 18 feet, more or less, to a point on the southerly line of the Quinebaug River;

Thence easterly by the southerly line of the Quinebaug River 6 feet, more or less, to a point on the westerly line of Mill Street;

Thence S 12°49'00" W by the westerly line of Mill Street 18 feet, more or less, to point of beginning, containing 108 square feet, more or less.

Parcel No. TB-1

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of Mill Street supposed to be owned by Westwood Textile Mfg., Inc., bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the easterly line of Mill Street on a bearing of 77°11'00" E 18.38 feet from station 2 + 63;

Thence S 77°11'00" E 6.00 feet to a point;

Thence S 12°49'00" W 11 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence easterly 13 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence northerly 38 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence westerly 19 feet, more or less, to a point on the easterly line of Mill Street;

Thence southerly by the easterly line of Mill Street 28 feet, more or less, to point of beginning, containing 710 square feet, more or less.

Parcel No. C-1

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of Mill Street supposed to be owned by Ames Textile Corporation, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection point of the southerly line of the Quinebaug River with the westerly line of Mill Street;

Thence westerly by the southerly line of said River 70 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence northerly across said river 62 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence easterly by the northerly line of said river 85 feet, more or less, to a point on the westerly line of Mill Street;

Thence S 12°49'00" W by the westerly line of Mill Street 70 feet, more or less, to point of beginning, containing 0.12 acres, more or less.

Parcel No. C-2

A parcel of land shown on said Plan of Mill Street supposed to be owned by Antonio and Walter Ciesla, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northerly line of the Quinebaug

River, said point being the southwesterly corner of Parcel No. 1;

Thence westerly along the northerly line of said river 28 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence northerly 32 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence easterly 26 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence southerly 25 feet, more or less, to point of beginning, containing 650 square feet, more or less.

Parcel No. C-3

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of Mill Street supposed to be owned by Joseph & Helen C. Seremet, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the southerly line of the Quinebaug River, said point being the most northerly corner of Parcel No. 4;

Thence westerly along the southerly line of said river 26 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence southerly 14 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence S $77^{\circ}11'00''$ E 25 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence N $12^{\circ}49'00''$ E 18 feet, more or less, to point of beginning, containing 416 square feet, more or less.

Parcel No. C-4

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of Mill Street supposed to be owned by Ames Textile Corporation, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the southerly line of the Quinebaug River, said point being the most easterly corner of Parcel No. 3;

Thence easterly by the southerly line of said river 35 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence southerly 16 feet, more or less, to the northerly side of a 3-story brick house;

Thence westerly 20 feet, more or less, to a corner of said house;

Thence southerly 7 feet, more or less, by the face of said house to a point;

Thence N $77^{\circ}11'00''$ W 12 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence N $12^{\circ}49'00''$ E 18 feet, more or less, to point of beginning, containing 400 square feet, more or less.

Parcel No. C-5

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of Mill Street supposed to be owned by Westwood Textile Mfg., Inc., bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northerly line of the Quinebaug River, said point being the most southerly corner of Parcel No. 2;

Thence easterly along the northerly line of said river 30 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence northerly 16 feet, more or less, to a point;
Thence westerly 29 feet, more or less, to a point;
Thence S 12°49'00" W 22 feet, more or less, to a point of beginning, containing 576 square feet, more or less.

Parcel No. C-6

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of Mill Street supposed to be owned by Ames Textile Corporation, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point of intersection of the southerly line of the Quinebaug River with the easterly line of Mill Street;

Thence easterly by the southerly line of said river 90 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence northerly to the center line of said river 37.5 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence westerly by the center line of said river 80 feet, more or less, to a point on the easterly line of Mill Street;

Thence by the easterly line of Mill Street S 12°49'00" W 37.5 feet, more or less, to point of beginning, containing 0.07 acres, more or less.

Parcel No. C-7

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of Mill Street supposed to be owned by Westwood Textile Mfg., Inc., bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the northerly line of the Quinebaug River with the easterly line of Mill Street;

Thence easterly by the northerly line of said river 73 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence southerly to center line of said river 37.5 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence westerly by the center line of said river 80 feet, more or less, to a point on the easterly line of Mill Street;

Thence by the easterly line of Mill Street N 12°49'00" E 37.5 feet, more or less, to point of beginning, containing 0.07 acres, more or less.

The following amendment presented to substitute motion, said amendment seconded and carried:

VOTED: except that the Town shall not take 828 square feet, more or less, from Antoni & Walter Ciesla, the Town already having voted to purchase same by vote of Special Town Meeting of October 15, 1956 and having appropriated \$2,4500.00 therefor.

It's a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Article 3. The following motion presented and seconded:

VOTED: in the affirmative for \$100.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

The following substitute motion presented, seconded and carried:

VOTED: to accept the report of the Board of Selectmen as to the new layout and relocation of a section of a public way known as River Street at and/or about the junction of said Street with the Quinebaug River; all as per Plan dated December 12, 1955, showing land necessary for bridge reconstruction now on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and voted to authorize the Selectmen to take by eminent domain under Chapter 79 and other provisions of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, easements in such parcels of land as may be necessary to effectuate the Plan and any amendments or changes to be made to said Plan on file in the Town Clerk's Office, and voted that \$100.00 be taken from the Excess and Deficiency Account to pay for damages and expenses that may be incurred due to the taking of easements in the parcels of land hereinafter described as parcels 1, 2, C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5, TR-1 and TR-2.

(Unanimous vote in the affirmative.)

VOTED: to waiver the reading of above mentioned parcels.

Description of parcels:

Parcel No. 1

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of River Street supposed to be owned by Zenon and Hilda Laliberte, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the southerly line of River Street on a bearing of S 63°02'10" W 29.13 feet from station 1 + 58.00;
Thence S 63°02'10" W 25.00 feet to a point;

Thence N 58°50'00" W 22 feet, more or less, to a point on the easterly line of the Quinebaug River;

Thence northerly by the easterly line of said river, 22 feet, more or less, to a point on the southerly line of River Street;

Thence S 58°50'00" E 30 feet, more or less, to point of beginning, containing 592 square feet, more or less.

Parcel No. 2

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of River Street supposed to be owned by Weld & Beck Feed & Supply Co., Inc., bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northerly line of River Street on a bearing of N 31°10'00" E 24.26 feet from station 3 + 25;

Thence N 31°10'00" E 8.00 feet to a point;

Thence S 58°50'00" 38 feet, more or less, to a point on the westerly line of the Quinebaug River;

Thence southerly by the westerly line of said river 8 feet, more or less, to a point on the northerly line of River Street;

Thence N 58°50'00" W 38 feet, more or less, by the northerly line of River Street to point of beginning, containing 304 square feet, more or less.

Parcel No. C-1

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of River Street supposed to be owned by Ames Worsted Company, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection point of the easterly line of the Quinebaug River with the southerly line of River Street;

Thence southerly along the easterly line of said river 109 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence northwesterly across said river 90 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence northerly along the westerly line of said river 41 feet, more or less, to a point on the southerly line of River Street;

Thence S $58^{\circ}50'00''$ E along the southerly line of said street 92 feet, more or less, to point of beginning, containing 0.15 acres, more or less.

Parcel No. C-2

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of River Street supposed to be owned by Zenon and Hilda Laliberte, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on a bearing of S $63^{\circ}02'10''$ W 54.13 feet from station 1 + 58;

Thence S $63^{\circ}02'10''$ W 47.00 feet to a point;

Thence northwesterly 17 feet, more or less, to a point on the easterly line of the Quinebaug River;

Thence northerly along the easterly line of said river 43 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence southeasterly 22 feet, more or less, to point of beginning, containing 720 square feet, more or less.

Parcel No. C-3

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of River Street supposed to be owned by Russell Harrington Cutlery Co., bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the westerly line of the Quinebaug River, said point being the most easterly corner of Parcel TR-2;

Thence northerly along the westerly line of said river 40 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence southeasterly across said river 98 feet, more or less, to a point on the easterly line of said river;

Thence southerly by the easterly line of said river 30 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence N $58^{\circ}50'00''$ W across said river 97 feet, more or less, to point of beginning, containing 3,408 square feet, more or less.

Parcel No. C-4

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of River Street, supposed to be owned by Weld & Beck Feed & Supply Co., Inc., bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the westerly line of the Quinebaug River, said point being the most easterly corner of Parcel TR-2;
Thence northerly along the westerly line of said river 9 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence northwesterly 21 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence southwesterly 9 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence S 58°50'00" E 20 feet, more or less, to point of beginning, containing 185 square feet, more or less.

Parcel No. C-5

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of River Street supposed to be owned by Otto Cooper, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the westerly line of the Quinebaug River with the southerly line of River Street;

Thence southerly by the westerly line of said river 41 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence northerly 19 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence northeasterly 22 feet, more or less, to a point on the southerly line of River Street;

Thence S 58°50'00" E 36 feet, more or less, to point of beginning, containing 784 square feet, more or less.

Parcel No. TR-1

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of River Street supposed to be owned by Russell Harrington Cutlery Co., bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point opposite station 1 + 50 on the northerly line of River Street;

Thence N 58°50'00" W by the northerly line of River Street 136 feet, more or less, to a point on the westerly line of the Quinebaug River;

Thence northerly by the westerly line of said river 15 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence S 58°50'00" E 137 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence southwesterly 15 feet, more or less, to point of beginning, containing 2,082 square feet, more or less.

Parcel No. TR-2

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of River Street supposed to be owned by Weld & Beck Feed & Supply Co., Inc., bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on a bearing of N 31°10'00" E 32.26 feet from station 3 + 25;

Thence N 31°10'00" E 7 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence S 58°50'00" E 38 feet, more or less, to a point on the westerly line of the Quinebaug River;

Thence southerly by the westerly line of said river 7 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence N 58°50'00" W 38 feet, more or less, to point of beginning, containing 266 square feet, more or less.

Article 4. The following motion presented and seconded:

VOTED: in the affirmative for \$100.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

The following substitute motion presented, seconded and carried:

VOTED: to accept the report of the Board of Selectmen as to the new layout and relocation of a section of a public way known as Central Street at and/or about the junction of said Street with the Quinebaug River; all as per Plan dated September 27, 1956, showing land necessary for bridge reconstruction now on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Selectmen to acquire or take by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth easements in such parcels of land as may be necessary to effectuate the Plan and any amendments or changes to be made to said Plan on file in the Town Clerk's office, and voted that \$100.00 be taken from the Excess and Deficiency Account to pay for damages and expenses that may be incurred due to the taking of easements in the parcels of land hereinafter described as parcels 1, 2, 3, C-1, C-2, C-3.

(Unanimous vote in the affirmative.)

VOTED: to waive the reading of the above mentioned parcels.

Description of Parcels:

Parcel No. 1

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of Central Street supposed to be owned by F. X. Laliberte & Son, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the easterly line of Central Street 58.46 feet opposite station 1 + 25.00;

Thence South $47^{\circ}58'35''$ East 23 feet \pm to a point;

Thence North $42^{\circ}01'25''$ East 25 feet \pm to a point on the southerly line of the Quinebaug River;

Thence westerly by the southerly line of said river 23 feet + to a point;

Thence South $42^{\circ}01'25''$ West 23 feet \pm by the easterly line of Central Street to point of beginning, containing 600 square feet +.

Parcel No. 2

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of Central Street supposed to be owned by Katena Michalaels, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the westerly line of Central Street 9.00 feet opposite station 1 + 25.00;

Thence North $47^{\circ}58'35''$ West 47.00 feet \pm to a point;

Thence North $42^{\circ}01'25''$ East 23 feet \pm to a point on the southerly line of the Quinebaug River;

Thence easterly by the southerly line of said river 50 feet \pm to a point on the westerly line of Central Street;

Thence southerly by the westerly line of Central Street 25 feet \pm to point of beginning, containing 1,200 square feet \pm .

Parcel No. 3

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of Central Street supposed to be owned by Claire and Jessie Senecal, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the westerly line of Central Street 6.00 feet opposite Station 2 + 35.00;

Thence North $47^{\circ}58'35''$ West 50 feet \pm to a point;

Thence South $42^{\circ}01'25''$ West 23 feet \pm to a point on the northerly line of the Quinebaug River;

Thence easterly by the northerly line of said river 50 feet \pm to a point on the westerly line of Central Street;

Thence North $42^{\circ}01'25''$ East 30 feet \pm by the westerly line of Central Street to point of beginning, containing 1,325 square feet \pm .

Parcel No. C-1

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of Central Street supposed to be owned by Noel J. Bouthillier, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the northerly line of the Quinebaug River with the easterly line of Central Street;

Thence easterly by the northerly line of said river 23 feet \pm to a point;

Thence North $42^{\circ}01'25''$ East 30 feet \pm to a point;

Thence North $47^{\circ}58'35''$ West 23 feet \pm to a point on the easterly line of Central Street;

Thence southerly by the easterly line of Central Street 30 feet \pm to point of beginning, containing 690 square feet +.

Parcel No. C-2

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of Central Street supposed to be owned by American Optical Co., bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the southerly line of the Quinebaug River with the easterly line of Central Street;

Thence easterly by the southerly line of said river 23 feet \pm to a point;

Thence North $42^{\circ}01'25''$ East 55 feet \pm to a point on the northerly line of said river;

Thence westerly by the northerly line of said river 23 feet \pm to a point, on the easterly line of Central Street;

Thence South $42^{\circ}01'25''$ West by the easterly line of said street to point of beginning, containing 1,265 square feet \pm .

Parcel No. C-3

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of Central Street supposed to be owned by American Optical Co., bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the southerly line of the Quinebaug River with the westerly line of Central Street;

Thence northwesterly by the southerly line of the Quinebaug River 50 feet \pm to a point;

Thence North $42^{\circ}01'25''$ East 65 feet \pm to a point;

Thence southeasterly by the northerly line of said river 50 feet \pm to a point on the westerly line of Central Street;

Thence South $42^{\circ}01'25''$ West 54 feet \pm by the westerly line of Central Street to point of beginning, containing 2,975 square feet \pm .

Article 5. The following motion presented and seconded:

VOTED: in the affirmative for \$100.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

The following substitute motion presented, seconded and carried:

VOTED: to accept the report of the Board of Selectmen as to the new layout and relocation of a section of a public way known as Westville Road at and/or about the junction of said Street with the Quinebaug River; all as per Plan dated January 26, 1956, showing land necessary for bridge reconstruction now on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Selectmen to acquire or take by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth easements in such parcels of land as may be necessary to effectuate the Plan and any amendments or changes to be made to said Plan on file in the Town Clerk's office, and voted, that \$100.00 be taken from the Excess and Deficiency Account to pay for damages and expenses that may be incurred due to the taking of easements in the parcels of land hereinafter described as parcels 2, 3, 5, C-1, C-2.

(Unanimous vote in the affirmative.)

VOTED: to waive the reading of parcels.

Description of Parcels:

Parcel No. 2

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of Westville Road supposed to be owned by Ames Worsted Company, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the southerly line of the Quinebaug River, said point being fifteen (15) feet more or less, northerly of a point thirty-five (35) feet of Station 2 + 45;

Thence North $6^{\circ}12'38''$ West for a distance of forty-three (43) feet more or less, to the center line of said Quinebaug River;

Thence southeasterly along the center line of said Quine-

baug River for a distance of fifty (50) feet more or less, to a point on the westerly line of said Westville Road;

Thence southerly by the westerly line of said Westville Road for a distance of forty-three (43) feet more or less, to the southerly line of said Quinebaug River;

Thence northwesterly by the southerly line of said Quinebaug River for a distance of twenty-nine (29) feet more or less, to the point of beginning.

Parcel No. 3

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of Westville Road supposed to be owned by Ames Worsted Company, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stone bound on the northerly line of Breakneck Road 31.41 feet opposite Station 0 + 52.81;

Thence North $39^{\circ}15'08''$ East 77.25 feet to a point;

Thence North $6^{\circ}12'38''$ West 15 feet \pm to a point on the southerly line of the Quinebaug River;

Thence easterly by the southerly line of said River 29 feet \pm to a point in the side line of Westville Road;

Thence southwestwardly by Westville and Breakneck Roads 108 feet \pm to a point in the side line of Westville Road, to point of beginning, containing 1,485 square feet \pm .

Parcel No. 5

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of Westville Road supposed to be owned by James A. and Audrey Westwell, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northerly line of Breakneck Road 25.85 feet opposite Station 2 + 19.27;

Thence North $21^{\circ}30'33''$ West 113.65 feet to a point;

Thence North $6^{\circ}12'38''$ West 20 feet \pm to a point on the easterly line of Westville Road;

Thence by the Westville Road and Breakneck Road 140 feet \pm to point of beginning, containing 1,600 square feet \pm .

Parcel No. C-1

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of Westville Road supposed to be owned by Ames Worsted Company, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the southerly line of the Quinebaug River, said point being the northwesterly corner of Parcel No. 3;

Thence westerly by the southerly line of said River 50 feet \pm to a point;

Thence northerly 40 feet \pm to a point on the center line of the Quinebaug River;

Thence easterly by the center line of said River 42 feet \pm to a point;

Thence South $6^{\circ}12'38''$ East 43 feet \pm to point of beginning, containing 1,600 square feet \pm .

Parcel No. C-2

A parcel of land as shown on said Plan of Westville Road supposed to be owned by Ames Worsted Company, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the southerly line of the Quinebaug River, said point being 15 feet \pm southerly from the most northerly corner of Parcel No. 5;

Thence easterly by the southerly line of said River 17 feet \pm to a point;

Thence northeasterly across said River 37.5 feet \pm to a point on the center line of said Center line;

Thence westerly by the center line of said River 26 feet \pm to a point on the easterly line of Westville Road;

Thence southerly by the easterly line of Westville Road 24.0 feet \pm to a point;

Thence South $6^{\circ}12'38''$ East 15 feet \pm to point of beginning, containing 800 square feet \pm .

Article 6. The following motion made, seconded and carried:

VOTED: in the affirmative for \$200.00 (Two Hundred Dollars) from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

It's a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

VOTED: to dissolve meeting.

A true record. Attest: CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk.

TOWN WARRANT — DECEMBER 20, 1956

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Southbridge, in the County of Worcester:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Southbridge aforesaid qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of Southbridge on Thursday, December 20, 1956 at 7:30 P. M. to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$90.45 (Ninety Dollars and forty-five cents) from the Fire Department Out of State Travel Account to the New Addition for Ambulance Garage Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$59.55 (Fifty-nine Dollars and fifty-five cents) from the Fire Department Out of State Travel Account to the Ambulance Expense Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars) from the Premature Births Account to the Tuberculosis and Contagious Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,380.65 (Two Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Dollars and sixty-five cents) from the State Reimbursement Flood Abate-ments Account to the Overlays 1955 Account as recommended by the Division of Accounts. This amount was paid by the State as a reimbursement on Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes caused by the flood of August 19, 1955, or act anything thereon.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$700.00 (Seven Hundred Dollars) from the Rubbish Collection Account to the Road Machinery Maintenance Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$55.27 (Fifty-Fve Dollars and twenty-seven cents) to the Globe Village Fire Station, Disabled Veterans' Account to cover the Overdrawn Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$182.31 (One Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars and thirty-one cents) to the Insurance Account to cover Outstanding Insurance Bills, or act anything thereon.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$333.13 (Three Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and thirteen cents) from the Town Hall Alterations and Repairs Account to the Selectmen's Expense Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$367.00 (Three Hundred Sixty-seven Dollars) to the Garbage Collection Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to hear, act on and accept the report of the Selectmen as to the laying out as a public way a certain street to be known as Glenwood Street, commencing on the northerly sideline of Old Sturbridge Road, thence easterly for a distance of six hundred and ten and seventy-four hundredths (610.74) feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to hear, act on and accept the report of the Selectmen as to laying out as a public way a certain street to be known as Fairview Avenue, commencing on the easterly side of Charlton Street, thence easterly for a distance of two hundred and fifty (250) feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to hear, act on and accept the report of the Selectmen as to the laying out as a public way a certain street to be known as Brook Road, commencing on the easterly line of the 1940 layout of Brook Road, thence easterly for a distance of one hundred and fifty (150) feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to hear, act on and accept the report of the Selectmen as to the laying out as a public way a certain street to be known as Idlewood Street, commencing on the northeasterly side of Glenwood Street, thence, easterly for a distance of two hundred and fifty-four (254) feet, or act anything thereon.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following By-Law, to be known as "Section 2 of Article XIV" of the Town By-Laws: The Selectmen may license suitable persons to carry on the business of pawnbrokers in the Town, and may revoke such licenses at their pleasure, all as provided by Chapter 140 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to release, grant or convey to the Strand Realty Corp., the portion of easement, accepted by vote under Article 9 of the Special Town Meeting held June 1, 1926, on which the present theater building owned by said Strand Realty Corp., now encroaches; said portion of easement consisting of a width of two (2) feet, more or less, and a length of eighty-seven (87) feet, more or less; this release to be made upon payment of \$100 (One Hundred Dollars) to the Town of Southbridge and that all other expenses such as recording fees, etc., be paid by the Strand Realty Corp., and provided also that said Strand Realty Corp. give to the Town of Southbridge for recording, a confirmation of said reciprocal easement of six (6) feet, excluding that portion to be released by the Town of Southbridge as aforesaid which was originally granted to the Town but not recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, or act anything thereon.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to create the position of Sewerage Treatment Plant Operator, and that this classification be listed in the Griffen-Hagen Report accepted by the Town Meeting held March 8, 1954, that this classification pay the minimum rate of \$4,000 and the maximum of \$5,000, and further to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of \$4,000 for this purpose, or act anything thereon.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to strike out and make null and void all of Section 6 of Article III of the Town By-Laws, which reads as follows: "One hundred and fifty reg-

istered voters at any town meeting for the transaction of business shall constitute a quorum. A motion to adjourn shall not require a quorum"; and substitute therefor and adopt the following wording which shall be known as Section 6 of Article III of the Town By-Laws: One hundred registered voters at any town meeting for the transaction of business shall constitute a quorum. A motion to adjourn shall not require a quorum.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies in six (6) conspicuous places within the Town at least seven (7) days before holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the same time and place aforesaid.

ARMAND O. DeGRENIER,
WESLEY K. COLE,
ROYCE FITZPATRICK,
Selectmen of Southbridge.

A true copy. Attest:

BLAISE TRUDEAU,
Constable of Southbridge.
12-12-56 5:00 P. M.

Southbridge, Mass.
Dec. 12, 1956.

Worcester, ss:

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Southbridge by posting up attested copies of the same in six (6) conspicuous places, namely: Town Hall, Elm St. Fire Station, West St. Fire Station, Mary E. Wells H. S., Library and Police Station and now return this warrant with my doings thereon as above described, this 12th day of December, 1956.

s/ BLAISE TRUDEAU, Constable of Southbridge.

Rec'd Dec. 12, 1956 5:00 P. M.

A true copy. Attest: CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk.

Special Town Meeting

DECEMBER 20, 1956

The Moderator called the meeting to order.

VOTED: that the reading of the warrant and the officer's return thereon by the Town Clerk be dispensed with.

Because of the lack of a quorum, the Moderator entertained a motion.

Motion made and seconded that this meeting be adjourned to December 28, 1956 at 7:30 P. M.

It's a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Special Town Meeting

DECEMBER 28, 1956

Before opening the meeting, the Moderator named the following tellers: Messrs. Morin and Stark.

They reported the first count as 113 present.

Because of the lack of a quorum, the moderator entertained a motion.

Motion made and seconded that a recess of ten minutes be taken.

It's a vote.

The ten minutes having expired, the Moderator asked the same two tellers for a second count.

They reported the second count as 152 present.

There was a quorum. So announced by the Moderator.

The Moderator called the meeting to order.

VOTED: that the reading of the warrant and the officer's return thereon by the Town Clerk be dispensed with.

Unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Article 1. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for \$90.45 (Ninety Dollars and forty-five cents) to be transferred from the Fire Department Out-of-State Travel Account to the New Addition for Ambulance Garage Account.

Article 2. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for \$59.55 (Fifty-Nine Dollars and fifty-five cents) to be transferred from the Fire Department Out-of-State Travel Account to the Ambulance Expense Account.

Article 3. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for \$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars) from the Premature Births Account to the Tuberculosis and Contagious Account.

Article 4. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for \$2,380.65 (Two Thousand Three Hundred eighty and sixty-five cents) to be transferred from the State Reimbursement Flood Abatement Account to the Overlay 1955 Account as recommended by the Division of Accounts.

Article 5. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for \$700.00 (Seven Hundred Dollars) from the Rubbish Collection Account to the Road Machinery Account.

Article 6. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for \$55.27 (Fifty-Five Dollars and twenty-seven cents) from the Rubbish Collection Account to the Globe Village Fire Station Disabled Veterans' Account.

Article 7. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for \$182.31 (One Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars and thirty-one cents) from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

Article 8. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for \$333.13 (Three Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and thirteen cents) from the Town Hall Alterations and Repair Account to the Selectmen's Expense Account.

Article 9. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for \$367.00 (Three Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars) from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

Article 10. The following motion presented, seconded and carried:

VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative that the Town accept the report of the Selectmen as to laying out as a public way a certain street to be known as Glenwood Street, commencing on the northerly side line of Old Sturbridge Road, thence easterly for a distance of One Thousand forty-three feet.

No Land Damages per Selectmen.

Article 11. The following motion presented, seconded and carried:

VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative that the Town accept the report of the Selectmen as to the laying out as a public way a certain street to be known as Fairview Avenue, commencing on the easterly side of Charlton Street, thence easterly for a distance of two hundred and fifty (250) feet.

No Land Damages per Selectmen.

Article 13. The following motion presented, seconded and carried:

VOTED: unanimously in the affirmataive that the Town accept the report of the Selectmen as to the laying out as a public way a certain street to be known as Idlewood Street, commencing on the northeasterly side of Glenwood Street, thence easterly for a distance of two hundred and fifty-four (254) feet.

No Land Damages per Selectmen.

Article 12. The following motion presented, seconded and carried:

VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative that the Town accept the report of the Selectmen as to the laying out as a public way a certain street to be known as Brook Road, commencing on the easterly line of the 1940 layout of Brook Road, thence easterly for a distance of one hundred and fifty (150) feet.

No Land Damages per Selectmen.

Article 14. The following motion presented, seconded and carried:

VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative that the Town adopt the following By-Law, to be known as Section 2 of Article XIV of the Town By-Laws: The Selectmen may license suitable persons to carry on the business of pawnbrokers in the Town, and may revoke such licenses at their pleasure, all as provided by Chapter 140 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

Article 15. The following motion presented, seconded and carried:

VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative to authorize the Board of Selectmen to release, grant or convey to the Strand Realty Corp., the portion of easement accepted by vote under Article 9 of the Special Town Meeting held June 1, 1926 on which the present theater building owned by said Strand Realty Corp now encroaches; said portion of easement consisting of a width of two (2) feet, more or less, and a length of eighty-seven (87) feet, more or less; this release to be made upon payment of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to the Town of Southbridge and that all other expenses such as recording fees, etc., be paid by the Strand Realty Corp., and provided also, that said Strand Realty Corp. give to the Town of Southbridge, for recording, a confirmation of said reciprocal easement of six (6) feet, excluding that portion to be released by the Town of Southbridge as aforesaid which was originally granted to the Town but not recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds.

Article 16. VOTED: unanimously in the affirmative for the creation of the position of Sewerage Treatment Plant Operator and that this classification be listed in the Griffen-Hagen Report as S-8 and that this classification pay the minimum rate of \$3,700.00 (Three Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars) and the maximum of \$4,500.00 (Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) and voted that \$3,700.00 (Three Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars) be raised from the Tax Levy of 1957 for this purpose.

Article 17. The following motion made, seconded and was lost:

VOTED: to strike out and make null and void all of Section 6 of Article III of the Town By-Laws, which reads as follows: "One Hundred and Fifty registered voters at any town meeting for the transaction of business shall constitute a quorum. A motion to adjourn shall not require a quorum"; and substitute therefore and adopt the following wording which shall be known as Section 6 of Article III of the Town By-Laws: "Fifty registered voters at any town meeting for the transac-

tion of business shall constitute a quorum. A motion to adjourn shall not require a quorum.”

The following tellers named by Moderator: Messrs. Morin, Jones, Stark and Peloquin.

Result of count for Article 17 announced by Moderator.

Affirmative—(raised hands)	25
Negative	63

It's not a vote.

The following motion made, seconded and carried:

VOTED: that the Town strike out and make null and void all of Section 6 of Article III of the Town By-Laws, which reads as follows: “One hundred and fifty registered voters at any town meeting for the transaction of business shall constitute a quorum. A motion to adjourn shall not require a quorum”; and substitute therefor and adopt the following wording which shall be known as Section 6 of Article III of the Town By-Laws: “One hundred registered voters at any town meeting for the transaction of business shall constitute a quorum. A motion to adjourn shall not require a quorum.”

Same tellers used:

Result of count for Article 17 announced by Moderator:

Affirmative — (raised hands)	66
Negative	16

It's a two-thirds vote.

VOTED: to dissolve this meeting.

A true record. Attest: CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk.

FORTY-FIRST REPORT
OF THE
TOWN ACCOUNTANT
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
December 31, 1956

LEON A. CARON,
Town Accountant

REVENUE — 1956

General Revenue

Taxes:

Current Year:

Poll	\$ 9,042.00	
Personal	189,157.72	
Real Estate	954,602.16	
Motor Vehicle Excise	82,005.32	\$1,234,807.20

Previous Years:

Poll	\$ 196.00	
Personal	4,739.96	
Real Estate	32,477.99	
Motor Vehicle Excise	19,458.49	56,872.44

From State:

Business—Corporation Tax	\$103,811.33	
Income Tax	51,740.89	
Meal Tax—Old Age Assistance	5,682.26	
School Aid According to Chapter 70	102,100.00	263,334.48

Licenses and Permits:

Licenses:

Liquor	\$ 14,041.50	
Hawkers, Peddlars and Junk	272.00	
Sunday Store	195.00	
Common Victuallers and Innholders	720.00	
Pool, Billiard and Bowling	95.00	
Milk and Oleo	69.00	
Auto Dealers Lic.	45.00	
Auctioneers	8.00	
Taxis and Drivers	189.00	
Firearms	93.00	
All Other	1,247.00	16,974.50

Permits:

Garage	\$ 14.50	
Gas. and Motor Oil	34.25	

Kerosene and Fuel Oil	19.25	
All Other	71.75	

Fines and Forfeitures:

Court Fines		1,356.00
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Grants and Gifts:

From County:

Dog Licenses		2,017.56
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From State:

Vocational Education	\$ 34,588.48	
American Education	793.00	
Smith-Hughes and George Barden Fund	1,651.27	37,032.75

Highway Aid:

State and County—

Chapter 90

Contract #15867—		
County	\$ 1,200.00	
Contract #15867—		
State	1,200.00	2,400.00

Fed. Grants and Gifts:

Aid to Dependent Children:

Salaries and Adm.	\$ 1,805.81	
Expense	22,362.83	24,168.64

Old Age Assistance:

Salaries and Adm. ..	\$ 5,824.81	
Expense	107,717.92	113,542.73

Disability Assistance:

Salaries and Adm.	\$ 592.63	
Expense	8,353.02	8,945.65

Other Revenue:

Tax Titles and Redemption	\$ 314.81	
State Reimbursements Flood Abatements (Taxes)	32,208.58	32,523.39

TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE		\$1,794,115.09
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Commercial Revenue

Departmental:

General Government:

Town Clerk		
(Petty Cash)	\$ 50.00	
Selectmen	2,783.00	
Town Hall	1,220.05	4,053.05

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police	\$ 18.40	
Fire	9.55	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	388.30	416.25

National Guard:

Rent of Quarters		1,650.00
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C. D. E. Housing:

Comm. on Public Tel.		.63
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Ambulance Fees		2,482.50
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Health:

T. B. and Con- tagious Diseases ..		782.13
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Civil Defense		495.00
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Public Welfare and

Veterans Benefits:

Temporary Aid:

From State	\$ 4,081.79	
From Individuals	236.08	4,317.87

Aid to Depen- dent Children:

From State	\$ 17,178.11	
From Individuals	2,238.00	19,416.11

Old Age Assistance:

From State	\$ 97,629.23	
From Cities & Towns	2,736.31	
From Individuals	185.07	100,550.61

Disability Assistance:

From State		9,028.10
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Infirmary:			
Reimbursements		386.35	
Veteran Benefits:			
From State	\$ 29,597.42		
Reimbursements	501.14	30,098.56	173,677.16
Post War Fund—Trans-			
ferred from Savings			
Account			25,000.00
Schools and Library:			
Schools:			
Other Tuition	\$ 10,779.56		
Sale of Books and			
Supplies	3.60		
All Other	476.66	11,259.82	
Library:			
Fines and Sales	\$ 1,158.21		
Library Salaries and			
Alterations &			
Improvements	9,962.37	11,120.58	22,380.40
Flood Damage			
Reimbursement:			
From State	\$138,776.77		
From Federal	19,825.56		
Trailer Rents	2,771.30		
C. D. E. Housing—			
Sale of Transform-			
ers and Barrels			
C. D. E. Housing—			
Insur. Settlements	151.08		161,934.71
Recreation:			
Dresser Field			1.00
Unclassified:			
Dresser Memorial			
Park	\$ 5,000.00		
Hurricane #2—			
State Reimburse.	2,232.42		
Parking Meter Rec.	18,358.56		
Airport Rental	300.00		25,890.98
Total Departmental Revenue			
			\$ 408,884.25

Oak Ridge Cemetery:

Sale of Lots and			
Graves	\$	1,255.00	
Graves Opened		1,290.00	2,545.00

Special Assessments:

Sewers			5,615.57
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Interest:

On Deferred Taxes	\$	930.76	
On Special Assessm.		120.00	
Town Clerk's Fees		3,041.01	
Tax Collector's Fees		752.86	
On Motor			
Vehicle Excise		60.76	
On Tax Titles		33.27	4,938.66

On Trust and**Investment Funds:**

Adah Stedman Fund	\$	30.00	
Ella Cole Fund		77.50	
Mabel Murphy Fund		60.00	
Mary Mynott Fund		30.00	
On Cemetery Funds		3,202.52	3,400.02

8,338.68

Municipal Indebtedness:**Temporary Loans:**

Anticipation of Revenue			850,000.00
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Agency, Trust and**Investment:****Agency:**

Deposit on Trailers	\$	200.00	
Dog Licenses—Due			
County		1,991.20	
Fed. Withhold. Tax		109,230.28	
Blue Cross		10,459.96	
Deposits on Plans			
and Bids		11,746.25	
Fed. Lunch Program		37,837.84	
School Athletic Fund		4,199.25	
Group Insurance		743.58	
C. D. E. Housing			
Electric Receipts		729.20	177,137.56

Trust and Investment:

Perpetual Care	\$	595.00		
Investment		3,375.00	3,970.00	181,107.56

Refunds:

O. A. A. Exp.—1956	\$	484.63
Vet. Benefits Exp. ..		210.05
Cemetery		48.66
General Relief Exp.		264.75
O. A. A. Exp.—1955		57.40
A. D. C. Exp.—1955		360.00
General Relief		
Expense — 1955		832.75
School — Expense		15.75
O. A. A. Fed. Gr.		
Expense		507.85
Disability Assistance		
Expense		146.35
School — Exp.—1955		23.10
A. D. C. Expense		193.95
Selectmen—Expense		96.25
School Lunch Prog.		54.19
Road Mach. Main.		
and Highway Exp.		820.79
Vet. Benefits—Exp.		64.62
Dutch Elm Disease		17.93
Globe Village Fire		
Station — Dis-		
abled Veterans		4.42
Dog Tax		1.80
C. D. E. Emergency		
Housing — Exp. ..		70.96
School Athletic Fund		205.50
School — Salaries		25.00
Library — Expense		9.98
Insurance		155.79
H. J. Proulx Pur-		
chase — Sand &		
Gravel		200.00
Police — Expense		15.00
Driver Education ..		1.50
Henry St. Field —		
Expense		19.73
A. D. C. Fed. Gr.		
Expense		55.70
Audio Visual Aids ..		205.38
Civil Defense		9.40
O. A. A. Fed. Gr.		
Admin.		5.88

Selectmen — Salary ..	75.00	
Plan Deposit	10.00	
Assessors — Expense ..	61.71	
Treasurer — Salary ..	1.65	
Board of Review	4.00	
Infirmary — Exp. —		
1955	132.30	5,469.72
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Total Revenue for 1956		\$3,256,075.87
Cash on Hand, January 1, 1956		190,935.06
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		\$3,447,010.93
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EXPENDITURES — 1956

General Government

Moderator:

Salary	\$	60.00	
Finance Committee ..		35.00	

Selectmen:

Salaries and Wages:

Chairman	\$	550.00	
2 Members		975.00	
Clerk		2,300.00	
Extra Clerical		62.60	\$ 3,887.60
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Other Expenses:

Salary — Expense ..	\$	112.13	
Stat., Supplies &			
Postage		205.47	
Printing & Advert.		501.07	
Mileage		81.26	
Telephone		192.75	
Equipment and Main-			
tenance		179.35	
All Other		168.10	
Garbage Collection		8,400.00	9,840.13
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Accountant:

Salaries and Wages:

Accountant	\$	4,100.00	
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Clerk	1,960.00		
Extra Clerical	294.98	6,354.98	
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Other Expenses:			
Supplies, Stat. & Postage	\$ 153.92		
Printing & Advert.	245.00		
Telephone	3.40		
Equipment & Maint.	21.00		
Travel, Dues & All Other	33.00	456.32	6,811.30
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Treasurer:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Treasurer	\$ 2,400.00		
Clerk	2,200.00		
Extra Clerical	1,201.65	5,801.65	
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Other Expenses:			
Foreclosure Tax			
Titles	615.00		
Supplies, Stat. & Postage	439.05		
Printing & Advert.	122.50		
Equipment & Maint.	59.15		
Telephone	187.50		
Surety Bond	297.00		
Dues, Travel & All Other	74.57	1,794.77	7,596.42
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Town Collector:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Collector	\$ 4,300.00		
Clerk	2,200.00		
Extra Clerical	1,950.00	8,450.00	
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Other Expenses:			
Stationery & Post.	\$ 1,489.42		
Printing & Advert.	295.44		
Telephone	169.55		
Surety Bond	429.25		
Equipment & Maint.	164.85		
Travel, Dues & All Other	96.58	2,645.09	11,095.09
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Assessors:**Salaries and Wages:**

Assessors—2 Memb.	\$	1,200.00		
Clerk of Board		4,100.00		
Clerk		2,300.00		
Extra Clerk		2,043.25	9,643.25	

Other Expenses:

Supplies, Stat. & Postage	\$	768.32		
Printing & Advert.		28.66		
Travel, Dues & All Other		493.48		
Equipment & Maint.		248.34		
Telephone		139.50	1,678.30	11,321.55

Law:**Salaries and Wages:**

Town Counsel			2,400.00	
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Other Expenses:

Stationery & Post.	\$	32.12		
Telephone		35.97		
Recording Fees		124.33		
Travel, Dues & All Other		280.66	473.08	2,873.08

Town Clerk:**Salaries and Wages:**

Town Clerk	\$	4,500.00		
Clerk		2,300.00		
Extra Clerical		623.69	7,423.69	

Other Expenses:

Stationery & Post.	\$	184.39		
Printing & Advert.		79.84		
Telephone		217.80		
Surety Bond		15.00		
Equipment & Maint.		123.30		
Travel, Dues & All Other		263.10	883.43	8,307.12

Election and Registration:**Salaries and Wages:**

Salaries of 3 Registrars and Clerk of Board	833.11
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Election Expenses:

Election Officers	\$ 4,882.12	
Clerical Services	969.04	
All Other	132.32	
Supplies, Stat. & Postage	250.78	
Printing & Advert.	800.50	
Meals	95.29	
Mileage	31.17	
Equipment & Maint.	193.25	
All Other	207.50	7,561.97

Relisting Expenses:

Assistant Regis.	\$ 811.72	
Supplies & Postage	99.00	
Advertis. & Printing	571.31	
Mileage & Travel	14.55	1,496.58

Precinct Change-Over	389.71	10,281.37
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Engineering:**Salaries and Wages:**

Engineer	\$ 6,149.52	
Ass't. Engineer	4,180.00	
Clerk and Helpers	6,696.63	17,026.15

Office Expenses:

Printing, Stat. & Postage	\$ 328.15	
Equipment & Maint.	11.00	
Telephone	325.50	664.65

Field Expenses:

Materials & Supplies	\$ 102.68	
Mileage & Travel	1,214.05	
Equipment & Maint.	15.68	1,332.41

Town Hall:**Salaries and Wages:**

Janitor		3,049.91	
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Other Expenses:

All — Wages	\$ 787.37		
Fuel	2,838.36		
Light	950.43		
Janitor's Supplies ..	428.66		
Bldg. & Boiler Rep.	374.28		
Telephone	45.95		
Water & All Other	343.07	5,768.12	8,818.03

Retirement Board:

Administration			1,090.00
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By-Laws Revision:

Clerical Services	\$ 90.74		
Stationery, Supplies and Postage	69.09		
All Other	3,133.80		3,293.63

Planning Board:

Stationery, Supplies and Postage	\$ 99.03		
Mileage, Travel	280.48		
All Other	427.55		807.06

Total General Government		\$ 105,140.59	
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Protection of Persons and Property**Police Department:****Salaries and Wages:**

Chief	\$ 4,999.96		
Deputy Chief	4,500.00		
Sergeant	3,900.00		
Fingerprint and Iden- tification Officer	200.00		
Patrolmen	79,400.00		
Lock Up Keeper	2,650.00		
Spec. Police, Matron and Doctor	2,899.85	98,549.81	

Equipment & Maintenance:

Motor Equipment ..	\$	795.75	
Gasoline, Oil, etc. ..		2,247.62	
Mobile Radio		918.82	
Officers' Expense		131.51	
Officers' Equipmt.		346.41	
Additional Equipmt.		86.94	4,527.05

Fuel and Light:

Fuel	\$	335.68	
Light		736.88	1,072.56

**Maintenance of Building
and Grounds:**

Repairs	\$	600.00	
Janitors' Supplies ...		340.34	
Water and All Other		38.92	979.26

Other Expenses:

Printing, Stationery and Postage	\$	419.34	
Telephone		2,676.35	
Photo & Fingerpr. Supplies		148.09	
Dues and All Other		174.50	3,418.28

Prisoners' Expenses:

Matrons and Guards	\$	4.00	
Board and Care Pri- vate Institutions		195.05	199.05

School Safety Patrol

Supplies			295.68
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Remote Control Unit

200.00

Steel Police Boat

318.90

Auxiliary Police

Equipment			97.93
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Parking Meter Division:

Salaries	\$	10,797.80	
Expense		2,997.71	
New Cruiser		2,196.25	15,991.76

Total Police Department

125,650.28

Fire Department:**Salaries and Wages:**

Chief	\$ 4,700.00	
Ass't. Chief	4,500.00	
2 Captains	8,396.53	
Permanent Firemen	66,000.00	
Call Firemen	6,632.98	
Supt. of Alarm	350.00	
Clerk of Fire Dept.	100.00	90,679.51

Equipment and Maint.:

Apparatus Repairs ..	\$ 402.30	
Equipment for Men	179.90	
Apparatus Access. and Materials and Supplies	527.22	
Radio Equipment and Maintenance	180.00	
Gasoline and Oil	123.20	
Alarm Boxes, etc. ..	52.97	
Shop Equipment and Maintenance	76.44	1,542.03

Hydrant Service 21,482.50

Fuel and Light:

Fuel	\$ 1,887.59	
Light	364.30	2,251.89

**Maintenance of Buildings
and Grounds:**

Repairs	\$ 583.53	
Furniture and Fur- nishings	215.84	
Laundry	34.22	
Water, Janitors' Sup- plies and All Other	275.73	1,109.32

Other Expenses:

Stationery, Printing and Postage	\$ 102.99	
Telephone	379.85	
Office Equipment and Maintenance	112.16	
Dues, Mileage and Travel	98.60	693.60

New Underground Cables and Fire Alarm Boxes	2,229.11		
New Pumper	17,467.84		
Liquid Foam	275.00		
New Addition for Ambulance Garage	4,685.63		
Total Fire Department		\$	142,416.43

Forest Fire:

Salaries and Wages:			
Warden	200.00		
Other Expenses:			
Fighting Fires	\$ 733.64		
Radio Equipm. & Maintenance	180.00		
Apparatus	180.53		
Gasoline, Oil, etc. ..	60.25		
Materials and Sup- plies and All Other	301.81		
New Hose	390.00		
Food for Men at Fires	27.77	1,874.00	2,074.00

Planting and Trimming Trees:

Salaries and Wages:			
Superintendent	\$ 471.40		
Labor	964.63	1,436.03	
Other Expenses:			
Hardware and Tools	\$ 156.89		
Equipment Rental ..	584.42		
All Other	22.66	763.97	2,200.00

Moth Extermination:

Salaries and Wages:			
Superintendent	9.35		
Other Expenses:			
Truck Hire	\$ 310.50		
Insecticides	79.29		
Hardware and Tools .....	.86	390.65	400.00

Dutch Elm Disease:

Salaries and Wages:

Superintendent	\$	195.50		
Labor		410.28	605.78	

Other Expenses:

Insecticides	\$	850.78		
Equipment Rental ..		2,061.37	2,912.15	3,517.93

Building Inspector:

Salaries and Wages:

Inspector			775.00	
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Other Expenses:

Telephone and Mat- erials and Supplies \$	32.86			
Mileage, Travel	103.50	136.36		911.36

Wire Inspector:

Salaries and Wages:

Inspector			800.00	
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Other Expenses:

Telephone and Mat- erials and Supplies \$	72.00			
Mileage, Travel and All Other	78.00	150.00		950.00

Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Salaries and Wages:

Sealer			1,700.00	
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Other Expenses:

Supplies, Stationery and Postage	\$	4.65		
Printing & Advert.		5.00		
Mileage, Travel		300.00		
Equipment & Maint.		13.95		
Telephone		64.95	388.55	2,088.55

Ambulance:

Laundry, Equipment and Maintenance \$	225.96			
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Gasoline, Oil & Auto			
Maintenance	1,076.90		
Materials & Suppl.	62.86		
Mobile Radio &			
Driver's Expense	376.00		1,741.72

Dog Officer:

Salary		750.00	
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Other Expenses:

Dogs Boarded	\$ 405.00		
Dogs Destroyed	90.00	495.00	1,245.00

Street Lighting:

Street Lights			23,813.83
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Animal Inspector:

Salary		349.94	
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Other Expenses:

Mileage, Travel ..		74.69	424.63

Total Protection of Persons and Property .. \$ 307,433.73

Health and Sanitation

Health:

Salaries and Wages:

Board Members	\$ 330.00		
Agent	699.96		
Board Physician	330.00		
Parochial Sch. M.D.	769.92		
Podiatrist	250.00		
Nurse	2,799.96		
Clerk Hire	300.00		
Dental Clinic	700.00		
Plumbing Inspector	3,399.96		
Food Inspector	300.00		
Milk Inspector	300.00		
Slaughtering Inspec.	399.96		
Sanitary Inspector	499.92	11,079.68	

Travel:

Agent	\$ 57.05		
Nurse	148.92		

Plumbing Inspector	159.18		
Slaughtering Inspec.	8.50	373.65	
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Premature Births		870.24	
Other Expenses:			
Dental Clinic	26.71		
Laboratory	13.78		
Office Expense	459.14	499.63	
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Castle Autoclave for Clinic		230.00	
T. B. and Contagious Diseases:			
Worcester County Sanitorium	\$ 2,469.00		
Harrington Hospital	714.00		
Misc. Expense	643.85	3,826.85	
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Total Health			16,880.05
Sewer:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Commissioners	\$ 450.00		
Caretakers	6,364.80	6,814.80	
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Administrative Expenses:			
Stationery, Printing and Postage	\$ 17.45		
Telephone	187.95	205.40	
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General Expense:			
Ins. Reg. & Repairs			
Truck	\$ 98.24		
Tools and Equipmt.	8.10		
Gasoline and Oil	157.38		
Materials and Sup.	62.74		
Repair Sewer Lines	189.05		
Advertising	15.00		
Fuel and Light	6.50	537.01	
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Total Sewers			7,557.21
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Total Health and Sanitation		\$	24,437.26

Highway, Snow and Ice, Dump, Rubbish Collection and Chapter 90

General Administration:

Salaries and Wages:

Superintendent	\$	4,500.00
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Other Expenses:

Stationery, Supplies and Postage	\$	90.60	
Telephone		307.95	
All Other and Equip. and Maintenance		61.84	460.39
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General Maintenance:

Timekeeper Clerk	\$	3,552.06	
Labor		37,861.26	
Equipment Rental		1,034.50	
Equipment & Repairs		1,371.18	
Broken Stone, Gravel and Other Sur- facing		4,209.33	
Other Materials and Supplies		1,115.13	
All Other		218.52	49,361.98
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Oil and Sand for Roads	8,903.43
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Automotive Equipment:

Maintenance and Repairs	\$	69.46	
Gas, Oil, etc.		129.90	199.36
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Building and Grounds:

Maintenance and Repairs	\$	385.27	
Fuel, Light and Water		893.12	
Equipment and Maintenance		112.03	
All Other		24.39	1,414.81
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Other Expenses:

Mobile Radio	\$	165.00	
All Other		1.00	166.00
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New Equipment Road Machinery Mainten.	6,126.86	71,132.83
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Road Mach. Maintenance:

Equipment and Material and Repairs	\$ 5,611.45	
Gasoline, Oil, etc.	6,025.87	
Tires and Tubes	2,509.41	
All Other	55.00	14,201.73

Town Dump:

Salary	\$ 2,700.00	
Rodent Control	900.00	3,600.00

Rubbish Collection

Snow and Ice Removal:		5,254.15
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Labor	\$ 11,496.36	
Tools and Equipmt.	1,094.28	
Gasoline and Oil	1,555.32	
Salt, Sand & Gravel	4,928.81	
All Other	475.50	
Laborers' Meals	264.18	
Truck Hire	12,029.75	
County Roads Shovel Rental	140.00	31,984.20

Sidewalk Repairs:

Material and Sup.	\$ 1,370.53	
Benoit Bros.	628.50	1,999.03

1956 Chapter 90

Maintenance:

State and County Aid:

Eastford Road:

Labor	\$ 350.00	
Material & Sup.	1,056.69	1,406.69

Worcester Street:

Labor		150.00
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Dresser Hill Road:

Labor	\$ 245.00	
Material & Sup.	22.07	267.07

Brickyard Road:

Labor		50.00
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Dudley Road:			
Labor		75.00	
East Main Street:			
Labor		100.00	
Hamilton Street:			
Labor		125.00	
Woodstock Road:			
Labor	\$ 826.24		
Material & Suppl.	50.00	876.24	
Old Woodstock Road:			
Labor	\$ 150.00		
Material & Sup.	50.00	200.00	
River Road:			
Labor	\$ 150.00		
Material	50.00	200.00	
Mechanic Street:			
Labor		150.00	3,600.00
Total Highway, Snow & Ice, Dump, Rubbish Collection and Chapter 90 Maintenance			
			\$ 131,771.94

Charities and Veteran Benefits

General Relief:

Salaries and Wages:

Board	\$ 1,000.00		
Supervisor	3,486.00		
Clerks	4,984.75		
Social Workers	5,413.07	\$ 14,883.82	

General Administration:

Mileage and Travel	44.36
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Other Expenses:

Groceries and Prov.	\$ 9,197.23
Fuel	1,926.53
Medicine & Medical Attendance	3,698.58
Hospital Care	7,963.58
Rent	3,237.29
Clothing	265.87
Cash Grants	6,779.60
Board and Care	1,812.97

State Institutions	2,644.97		
Private Institutions	60.00		
Household Furn. & Moving	116.63		
Burials	300.00		
All Other	1,170.50	39,173.75	
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Relief by Other Cities and Towns:			
Cities	\$ 3,540.84		
Towns	5,938.06	9,478.90	
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Truck Expense:			
Gasoline, Oil, etc.	\$ 195.00		
Equipment & Maint.	4.75	199.75	63,780.58
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Aid to Dependent Children:			
Town Appropriation—			
Relief Expenses:			
Cash Grants			29,193.95
Aid to Dependent Children:			
Federal Grant—			
Administrative Exp.:			
Telephone	\$ 208.08		
Stat., Supplies and Postage	215.47		
Mileage or Trav.	219.57	643.12	
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Relief Expenses:			
Cash Grants		25,214.14	25,857.26
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Old Age Assistance:			
Town Appropriation—			
Relief Expenses:			
Cash Grants		142,406.75	
Relief by Other Cities and Towns		117.88	142,524.63
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Old Age Assistance:			
Federal Grant—			
Salaries and Wages:			
Board	\$ 700.00		
Supervisor	834.00		

Social Workers	1,631.92		
Clerks	1,378.66	4,544.58	
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Administra. Exp.:			
Telephone	\$ 226.35		
Adv., Stat., Sup. and Postage	687.17		
Mileage or Trav.	394.41		
Dues and All			
Other	269.82	1,577.75	
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Relief Expense:			
Cash Grants	\$108,779.57		
Cities and Towns	3,088.06	111,867.63	117,989.96
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Disability Assistance:

Town Appropriation—

Relief Expenses:

Cash Grants 14,242.77

Disability Assistance:

Federal Grant—

Admin. Expenses:

Stat., Supp., &

Postage \$ 678.04

Mileage or Trav. 28.82

Telephone 81.36 788.22

Relief Expenses:

Cash Grants 8,607.74 9,395.96

Total Charities \$ 402,985.11

Infirmmary:

Salaries and Wages:

Supt. and Matron \$ 3,699.96

Other Expenses:

Groc. & Provisions \$ 3,556.35

Household Furn. &

Clothing 600.44

Janitor Supplies &

Repairs 187.17

Water, Fuel and Light 1,652.64

Mileage and Travel 43.33

Gasoline, Oil & Truck

Expense 76.31

Hospital and Medical Care	1,670.95	
Telephone and All Other	710.79	8,497.98
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Repair and Improvement		966.15
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Total Infirmary		13,164.09

Veteran Benefits:

General Administration:

Salaries and Wages:

Vet. Agent 1,400.00

Other Expenses:

Office Expenses,
Travel, etc. 535.20

Relief Expenses:

Cash Grants	\$ 42,916.68	
Fuel	601.05	
Medical	7,544.93	
Hosp. & Dental	8,450.97	
Food	3,672.95	
Rent, Clothes, etc.	3,039.04	
Priv. Institutions	3,447.04	69,672.66

Total Veteran Benefits		71,607.86
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Soldiers' Burials		2.80
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Maintenance of Veterans' Graves:

Material and Supplies \$	89.68	
Labor	460.00	549.68

Veteran Services:

Salaries and Wages:

Supervisor	\$ 2,175.00	
Clerk	2,200.00	4,375.00

Other Expenses

Printing, Stat., Supp. and Postage	\$ 236.38	
Mileage and Travel	225.92	
Telephone	249.70	
Dues and All Other	38.00	750.00

Photostatic Machine	449.75	
Total Veteran Services		5,574.75
Total of Charities and Veteran Benefits		\$ 493,884.29

Schools and Library

Schools:

General Control:

Salaries and Wages:

150 Superintendent	\$ 7,461.40	
156 Supt.'s Clerk	5,692.59	
157 Extra Clerical	526.19	
103 School Census	387.14	14,067.32

Other Expenses:

160 Supplies	\$ 375.40		
180 Printing	510.82		
181 Travel	467.72		
181 B Supervisors & Conf. Travel	28.00		
182 Telephone	441.10		
182A Postage, Books, Periodicals, etc.	232.06		
182B Equipm. and Maintenance	1,053.88	3,108.98	17,176.30

High School:

Instruction Salaries:

220 Principal	\$ 6,258.33	
225 Principal's Clerk	2,788.38	
226 Extra Clerical	111.53	
240 Teachers	128,253.45	
245 Sub. Teachers	1,949.00	139,360.69

Instruction Expenses:

250 Text and Refer- ence Books	\$ 5,204.49	
270 Supplies	5,353.58	
660 Typewriters, Ma- chines, etc.	1,195.00	11,753.07

Other Expenses:

210 Supervision Travel	\$ 471.21	
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235 Printing, Suppl., Postage, etc.	200.00		
290 Commencement Exercises	300.00	971.21	
Operation of Plant:			
Salaries and Wages:			
501 Janitors		9,477.80	
Other Expenses:			
510 Janitors' Suppl.	\$ 1,976.76		
520 Fuel	4,357.56		
530 Water	310.00		
540 Gas & Elec.	3,406.31		
565 Telephone	492.16		
580 Drayage	147.52	10,690.31	
Maintenance of Plant:			
601 Grounds	\$ 180.23		
620 Building	30,354.89		
640 Service Systems	886.75		
680 Other Expenses	154.98	31,576.85	
Capital Outlay:			
930 Bldg. Alterations and Additions	\$ 495.02		
965 New Furnishings	2,637.53		
975 New Equipment	1,293.64		
985 Other Expenses	150.00	4,576.19	208,406.12
Elementary Schools:			
Instruction Salaries:			
240 Teachers	\$224,588.01		
245 Sub. Teachers	2,174.00	226,762.01	
Instruction Expenses:			
210 Supervision Travel	\$ 304.02		
250 Text and Ref- erence Books	3,831.96		
270 Supplies	6,081.16		
660 Instructional Equipment	93.29		
235 Printing	50.00	10,360.43	

Operation of Plant:**Salaries and Wages:**

501 Janitors	16,818.86
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Other Expenses:

510 Jan. Supplies ..	\$ 3,605.09	
520 Fuel	10,457.00	
530 Water	680.18	
540 Gas & Elect.	2,798.28	
565 Telephone	1,082.50	
580 Drayage	188.86	18,811.91

601 Grounds	\$ 870.91	
620 Building	9,316.42	
640 Service Systems	652.70	
680 Other Expenses	43.67	10,883.70

Capital Outlay:

930 Bldg. Alterations and Additions	\$ 425.00		
965 New Furnishings	2,618.59		
975 New Equipment	456.55		
985 Other Expenses	50.00	3,550.14	287,187.05

Elementary Evening Schools:**Salaries:**

220 Director's	\$ 200.00	
240 Teachers	680.00	880.00

Instructions Expenses:

210 Supervision		
Travel	\$ 22.50	
250 Text and Refer- ence Books	100.00	
270 Supplies	50.00	172.50

Operation of Plant:**Other Expenses:**

520 Fuel	\$ 102.33	
540 Gas & Elect.	478.23	580.56
		1,633.06

High Evening Schools:**Salaries:**

240 Teachers	1,081.92
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Instruction Expenses:

250 Textbooks	\$	50.00		
270 Supplies		98.91	148.91	

Operation of Plant:**Other Expenses:**

520 Fuel	\$	197.67		
540 Gas & Electr.		100.00	297.67	1,528.50

Auxiliary Agencies:**Medical and Nurse
Services:**

402 Physicians	\$	2,149.80		
404 Nurse		5,712.67		
405 Medical Exp.		501.21	8,363.68	

Pupils:

401 Attendance	\$	300.00		
313 Transportation of Pupils		25,966.20		
360 Tuition Other Pupils		680.36	26,946.56	

Other Expenses:

Contingency Fund			182.20	35,493.04

Smith-Hughes Fund:**Salaries:**

250 Vocational Classes				1,399.27

George Deen &**Geo. Barden Fund:****Salaries:**

240 Evening				132.00

Cole Trade School:**General Control:****Salaries:**

220 Sal. of Director	\$	6,058.37		
225 Clerks		2,905.74		
226 Extra Clerical		2,825.00	11,789.11	

Other Expenses:

235 Printing Sup., Postage, etc.	\$ 187.39	
565 Telephone	195.00	
210 Supervision Travel	171.06	
290 Commencement Expense	139.71	693.16

Instructors' Salary:

240 Teachers	\$ 46,198.32	
245 Sub. Teachers ..	144.00	46,342.32

Instruction Expenses:

250 Text & Refer- Books	\$ 438.17	
270 Supplies	4,180.92	
660 Equipment	5,274.30	9,893.39

Operation of Plant:**Salaries:**

501 Janitors		3,282.66
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Other Expenses:

510 Jan. Supplies	\$ 393.26	
520 Fuel	1,700.00	
530 Water	222.15	
540 Gas & Electr.	957.60	3,273.01

Maintenance of Plant:

601 Grounds	\$ 22.00	
620 Buildings	464.11	
640 Service Systems	608.17	
680 Other Expenses	199.50	1,293.78

Capital Outlay:

930 Alt. & Additions	\$ 164.47		
965 New Furnishings	228.40		
975 Instr. Apparatus	356.94		
985 Other Expenses	125.00	874.81	77,442.24

Evening Trade Extension:**Instruction Salaries:**

225 Clerk	\$ 150.00
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240 Teachers	1,467.50	1,617.50	
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Instruction Expenses:			
235 Principal's Office Supplies	\$ 11.65		
250 Books	3.18		
270 Supplies	198.45		
660 Instructional Equipment	126.98	340.26	
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Operation of Plant:			
520 Fuel	\$ 100.00		
540 Gas & Electr.	200.00	300.00	2,257.76
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Total Schools		\$	632.655.34

**Jacob Edwards
Memorial Library:**

Salaries and Wages:

101 Librarian	\$ 4,482.86		
103 Assistants	9,485.27		
150-51 Janitors	2,975.40	16,943.53	
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Books, Periodicals, etc:

201 Books	\$ 2,643.70		
202 Periodicals	420.35		
203 Movie Films	141.44	3,205.49	
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Binding:

250 Books		74.08	
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Fuel and Light:

300-1 Fuel	\$ 24.97		
302 Light	637.55	662.52	
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Building:

350-1-2 Repairs	\$ 823.96		
500-1 Furniture & Furnishings	86.99		
303 Water	7.50		
304-6 All Other	48.45	966.90	
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Other Expenses:

302-403 Stationery, Printing & Advertising	\$ 334.62	
401 Telephone	95.79	430.41
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Alterations and Im- provements		9,580.42
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Total Library		31,863.35
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Total Schools and Library		\$ 664,518.69
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Recreation and Unclassified**Recreation:****Parks:**

Labor	\$ 470.52	
All Other	29.42	499.94
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Playgrounds:

Instructors	\$ 3,210.00	
Material & Supplies	638.61	
Mileage, Travel	21.21	
All Other	112.75	3,982.57
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World War I Memorial Park:

Labor	\$ 255.90	
Water, Fuel & Light	21.63	
All Other, Mat. and Supplies	108.47	
Flowers and Wreaths	14.00	400.00
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Honor Roll:

Material & Supplies	\$ 99.60	
Maintenance & Rep.	80.00	179.60
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Swimming Pool:

Winter Sports Exp.	\$ 71.62	
Sal.—Winter Sports	177.85	
Instructors	3,310.65	
Building and Grounds	184.30	

Material and Supplies	236.65	
Water, Fuel, Light and Telephone	444.40	
Special Water Acc't.	19.50	
Red Cross Instruction	186.00	
Portable Resuscitator	200.00	4,830.97

Dresser Street Field:

Sal. and Labor	\$ 4,991.57	
Telephone	131.30	
Material and Suppl.	934.90	
Fuel, Light & Water	490.11	
All Other	349.58	
Labor, Printing & Advert.	778.87	
Stat., Supplies & Postage	25.50	
Equipment & Maint.	287.33	
Repairs to Field	698.92	
Little League, Babe Ruth & Minor League Expense	1,597.37	10,285.45

Alumni Field:

Sal. and Labor	\$ 781.50	
Repairs	141.90	
Material and Suppl.	576.05	
Equipment & Maint.	6.00	
All Other	48.00	
Labor Expense Acct.	225.00	
New Construction	402.70	2,181.15

Henry Street Field:

Labor and Salaries	\$ 999.01	
Labor Expense Acct.	18.75	
Equipment & Maint.	27.31	
Material and Suppl.	637.63	
All Other	36.00	
Maintenance & Imp.	999.97	2,718.67

Unclassified:

Damage to Persons and Property	\$ 3,254.00	
Memorial Day	900.00	
Veterans' Day	600.00	
Printing Town Reports	1,834.84	

Town Clock	50.00	
Non-Contributory Pensions	6,167.73	
Insurance of Bldgs.—All Ins.—Workmen's Compensation	21,776.73	34,583.30
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Total of Recreation and Unclassified	\$	59,661.65

Cemetery

Oak Ridge Cemetery:

Salaries and Wages:		
Superintendent	\$ 700.00	
Labor	6,089.38	
Opening Graves	355.00	7,144.38
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Other Expenses:		
Gravel, Seed, Fertilizer and Loam	\$ 343.46	
Light	12.00	
Markers	50.21	
Tools	32.65	
Trucks	82.47	
Gasoline and Oil	150.88	
All Other	582.67	1,254.34
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Cemetery Improve. Acct:		
Labor	\$ 165.25	
New Equipment	25.50	
Loam, Planting and Seeding	33.60	
Spraying	58.80	
Lumber	15.12	
All Other	63.35	
Type I Work—Stanley Kaitbenski	1,592.93	1,954.55
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Total Cemetery	\$	10,353.27
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Special Accounts

Audio Visual Aids—

Schools:		
Rental of Movie Films		
	\$ 331.85	
Telephone	106.25	

All Other	1,736.09	2,175.06
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Bailey Bridge Off		
Mechanic St.:		
Equipment Hire	\$ 85.50	
Labor	72.16	
Cyclone Fence	1,220.00	
Adver. for Fence	13.13	
Gravel, Loam and		
Sand	564.75	1,955.54
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Construction of Storm		
Drain rear Baptist		
Church Parsonage,		
Hartwell Street:		
Materials and Suppl. \$	805.97	
Labor	416.00	
Benoit Bros.	335.00	1,556.97
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Brook Road Reconstruction:		
Labor	\$ 1,136.06	
Equipment Hire	678.75	
Materials and Suppl.	184.72	1,999.53
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Charlton St., at Jct.		
Quinebaug River		
(New layout of		
Public Way):		
Loomis Abstract		15.00
 Chestnut St. Re-		
construction:		
Benoit Bros.	\$ 93.60	
Labor	107.36	
Materials and Supp.	6.40	207.36
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Civil Defense:		
Salaries	\$ 16.80	
Stat., Supplies and		
Postage	291.57	
Telephone	192.46	
Gasoline and Oil	252.80	
Materials and Suppl.	1,718.59	
Equipment & Maint.	3,894.96	6,367.18
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Dennison Drive Sanitary Sewer:

Advertising	\$ 11.25	
Chas. F. Chase	806.50	817.75

Depot Parking Lot

Resurfacing:

Advertising	\$ 11.88	
Stanley Kaithenski	12,750.67	
Cut down and remove Elm Tree	140.00	
Weighing	1.50	12,904.05

Depot Parking Lot—Renewing of Water Service:

Water Service	406.11
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Dresser Memorial Park:

Labor	\$ 993.60	
Advertising	20.88	
All Other	1,370.92	
Nursery Contract	4,814.01	
Demolishing Building—S. Perichino	2,073.00	
Plan for Park	150.00	9,442.41

Dresser Property Maint.	400.00
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Drivers Education Fund:

Salaries	\$ 963.00	
Materials and Supp.	137.53	
Mileage, Travel	14.50	
All Other	85.05	1,200.08

William E. Earls Property on Chapin Street:

Salaries	79.97
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1956 Chapter 90, Eastford Road Construction:

Advertising	5.40
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Eastford Road School Sidewalk Account:

Repair Steps and Walk at Eastford Rd. School	170.75
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Elm Tree at Fire**Station Removal:**

Advertising	\$	10.00	
Southbridge Land- scaping Co.		440.00	450.00
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Faulkner and Newman**Ave. Sewer:**

Chas. F. Chase			4,034.38
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Emergency Flood Relief:

Salaries and Exp.			
Various Dept.	\$	10,255.23	
Civil Def. Housing, Sal. and Exp.		5,811.47	
Permanent Repairs, Roads, Sidewalks and Bridges		11,604.13	
Clearance Debris Along Quinebaug River — Contractor		27,000.00	54,670.83
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Fiske Street Sanitary**Sewer Construction:**

Chas F. Chase			783.40
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**Forest Ave. Recon-
struction:**

Labor			37.12
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Foster St. Parking Lot**Repairs:**

Labor	\$	226.80	
Materials & Suppl.		18.45	245.25
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**Globe Village Fire
Station—Disabled
Veterans:**

Fuel	\$	210.71	
Light		10.27	
All Other		338.71	559.69
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Hillside Rd. Sewer:

Advertising	\$	11.25	
Chas F. Chase		2,954.40	2,965.65
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Infirmary Retaining Wall:		
Materials and Suppl.		26.24
Group Life Insurance:		
Binder for Insur.	\$ 400.00	
Employees Contrib.	742.46	1,142.46
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Leonide Lemire Post		
#6055—V.F.W.—Lease:		
Rent		900.00
Erection of Chain Link		
Fence Along Land of D. F.		
& L. Larson and		
Henry St. Field:		
Chain Link Fence		478.00
Purchase of Land and		
Removal of Building,		
98 Charlton St.:		
Albert A. Loomis		5,300.00
Mary Ellen Lane Drain:		
Chas. F. Chase		4,789.80
Mary Ellen Lane		
Sewer Construction:		
Chas. F. Chase		699.35
National Guard Account:		
Rent		1,980.00
North Street Sewer:		
Chas. F. Chase		933.50
Outstanding Bills of		
Previous Years:		
Town Clock	\$ 4.16	
Selectmen's Expense	5.00	9.16
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Construction of Drain on		
Pleasant St. (Near		
Home of Alfred Mc-		
Kinstry):		
Materials and Suppl.	\$ 1,193.42	

Equipment Hire	661.00	
Building Retain. Wall	113.00	
All Other	28.00	1,995.42

Board of Review Expense:

Stationery, Supplies and Postage	\$ 66.60	
Typewriter Rental ..	12.00	78.60

**Purchased from J. Wilfred
& Eva M. Pontbriand
Sand and Gravel:**

J. Wilfred Pontbriand \$	2,500.00	
Equipment Rental	445.40	2,945.50

**Purchased from H. J. Proulx
Sand and Gravel:**

H. J. Proulx		200.00
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**Sayles Street
Reconstruction:**

Advertising	\$ 11.88	
Chas F. Chase	21,988.32	
Tree Removal	465.50	22,465.70

**School Building Im-
provement:**

Salaries or Labor	\$ 105.00	
Stationery, Supplies and Postage	37.49	
Mileage, Travel	100.08	
Engineer Survey	700.00	
Foundation Borings	266.00	
Architect Service	2,000.00	
All Other	8.00	3,216.57

**Snow Street Sanitary
Sewer:**

Advertising	\$ 11.88	
Duff Bros.	403.00	414.88

**Stone Wall Between
W. W. Memorial I and
Fire Station:**

Paul Cimicud		485.00
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**Town Hall Alterations
and Repairs:**

Materials and Suppl.	\$ 142.92	
T. P. Morrin	1,934.38	
Southbridge Roofing Co.	409.10	
All Other	169.10	
Jos. Blanchet Co.	345.75	3,001.25

**Planting and Caring for
Shrubs and Trees—
Gift of Netherlands
Government:**

Labor	\$ 1,195.45	
Equipment Hire	266.95	
Materials and Suppl.	403.55	
Telephone	1.45	
Tree Warden	22.10	
Water	10.50	1,900.00

Violet Ave. Reconstruction:

Equipment Hire	\$ 1,123.25	
Labor	352.35	
Oil for Road	588.97	
Materials and Suppl.	93.50	2,158.07

Violet Ave. Sewer:

Chas F. Chase	1,490.10
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Voting Precinct Acct.:

Materials and Suppl.	174.00
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**Mary E. Wells High
School Toilet Accom-
modations:**

Antonio E. Lamarine	843.83
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Total Special Accounts	\$ 161,056.91
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Interest and Maturing Debt

Interest:

Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Revenue	8,172.50
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General Loans:

Eastford Road and West St. Schools	\$ 60.00		
Northern District Ele- mentary School	210.00	270.00	8,442.50

Municipal Indebtedness:**Temporary Loans:**

Anticipation of Revenue		800,000.00	
Northern District Elementary School	\$ 4,000.00		
Eastford Rd. and West St. School	6,000.00	10,000.00	810,000.00
Total Interest and Maturing Debt			\$ 818,442.50

Agency, Trust and Investment**Agency:**

State Audit. Tax	\$ 1,901.07		
State Examination of Retirement System	56.54		
State Parks and Reservation Tax	3,897.98	5,855.59	
County Tax	\$ 61,505.76		
County T. B. Hospi- tal Tax	30,181.09		
Dog Tax Fees Paid to County	1,987.60		
School Lunch Program:			
Revolving Acct.	34,369.72		
Appropriation Acct.	5,600.00		
School Athletic Fund	8,760.51		
Fed. Withhold. Tax	109,230.28		
Blue Cross	10,456.18	262,091.14	

Trust and Investment:

Ella M. Cole Fund	\$ 67.45
Mabel Murphy Fund	76.50
Mary Mynott Fund	19.34
Adah Stedman Fund	36.50
Cemetery Perpetual Care	460.00

U. S. Post War Re-		
habilitation Fund	3,375.00	
Pension Fund	20,158.00	24,192.79

Total Agency, Trust and Investment	\$ 292,139.52
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Refunds

Refunds:

Taxes	\$ 20,576.67
Motor Vehicle Excise	1,475.48
Check Lieu of Bond	845.25
Trailer Deposits	880.80
Plans and Bids	11,227.35
Ambulance	10.00
Insurance and	
Blue Cross	4.90

Total Refunds	35,020.45
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Total Payments for 1956	\$3,103,860.80
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Cash on Hand December 31, 1956	343,150.13
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	\$3,447,010.93
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BALANCE SHEET

TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1956

ASSETS

Cash \$343,150.13

Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:

Levy of 1956 \$ 45,046.27
 Levy of 1955 1,190.28
 Levy of 1954 332.50

Motor Vehicle:

Levy of 1956 \$ 20,180.18
 Levy of 1955 895.41

Special Assessments:

Unapportioned Sewers, 1956

Tax Titles \$ 1,295.21
 Tax Possessions 1,689.17

Departmental:

Selectmen \$ 1,200.00
 Ambulance 877.00
 Public Welfare 3,786.00

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Parking Meters Fees \$ 20,744.72
 Temporary Loans 200,000.00
 Deposits on Plans and Bids 10.00

Trust Fund Income:

J. J. Angell Fund \$ 31.72
 Alexis Boyer, Jr. Fund 11.29
 Ella M. Cole Fund 498.21
 Mabel Murphy Fund 76.47
 Mary Mynott Fund 31.99
 Adah Stedman Fund 85.46

734.69

George Barden-Smith Hughes Fund

School Athletic Fund 120.00
 Federal Lunch Program (Rotating) 780.04
 Dog Tax Fees (Reserved for County) 3,987.09
 Sale of Land Account 5.40
 Sale of Cemetery Lots and Graves Fund 1,000.00

1,255.00
 135.00
 1,598.83
 431.21

Overestimates—1956:			
Aid to Dependent Children— (State)	6,108.31	County T. B. Hospital Main- tenance Tax	\$ 4,256.53
Old Age Assistance— (Cities and Towns)	1,118.79	State Auditing Tax	23.10
Veteran Benefits (State) Schools	22,715.60 1,755.06		
Municipal Athletic Field Cemetery	158.42 590.00		
		Federal Grants:	
Aid to Highway:		Aid to Dependent Children:	
State	\$ 21,200.00	Administration	\$ 2,146.64
County	11,200.00	Aid	177.38
		Old Age Assistance:	
Underestimates 1956:		Administration	\$ 5,886.56
States Parks and Reservation Tax	\$ 1,618.38	Aid	1,230.55
County Tax	5,546.45	Disability Assistance:	
		Administration	\$ 202.79
		Aid	925.65
			10,569.57
Overdrawn Accounts:			
1956 Chapter 90—Maintenance	2,400.00	Appropriation Balances:	
Emergency Flood Relief	34,094.91	Board of Appeals	\$ 204.60
Overlays:		By-Laws Revision	328.63
Levy of 1956	\$ 203.31	New Addition Ambulance Garage	1,825.00
Levy of 1952	169.47	New Underground Cables and	
		Fire Alarm Boxes	770.89
		Sewer — Salary	3,700.00
		Repair Manhole Covers	300.00
		Swimming Pool — Special	
Revenue — 1957	14,058.60	Water Account	46.23

Airport Maintenance Acct.	460.18
Damage to Persons and Property	2,625.60
Cemetery Improvement Acct.	1,154.73
Baptist Church Parsonage Storm	
Drain — Hartwell St.	443.03
Cady Brook Land Damage Acct.	100.00
Cady Brook Channel Clearance	
Account	100.00
New Layout & Relocation on	
Central Street	100.00
New Layout & Relocation	
on Charlton Street	85.00
Charlton Street Bridge	400.00
Chestnut Street Reconstruction ..	247.17
Anthony and Walter Ciesla Land	
Purchase, Jct. Mill St. and Quine-	
baug River	2,450.00
Cohasse Brook Channel	
Improvement	10,000.00
Cohasse Brook Channel Clear-	
ance Account	100.00
Dean Brook Channel Improve-	
ment Account	100.00
Dresser Memorial Park	577.59
1956 Chapter 90 Construction—	
Eastford Road	11,484.60
1955 Chapter 90 Construction—	
Eastford Road	10,000.00
Federal Housing Project	100.00

Forest Avenue Reconstruction	1,566.68
Foster St. Parking Lot Repairs	280.97
Guelphwood Road Guard Rail	500.00
Hillside Road Sanitary Sewer	634.35
Group Insurance	3,783.00
Land Damage Appraisal Account	1,500.00
Mary Ellen Lane Storm Drain	1,710.20
McKinstry Brook Channel Improvement	100.00
Bailey Bridge off Mechanic St.	3,044.46
New Layout & Relocation on Mill Street	100.00
Extending Culvert on Nuisance Brook to Quinebaug River	100.00
Nuisance Brook Diversion Drain Account	25,100.00
Extend. Nuisance Brook Drain from Dresser St. to Marcy St.	100.00
Construction of Drain on Pleas- ant St. near Home of Alfred McKinstry	254.58
Quinebaug River Land Damage Account	100.00
Repair Dam at 2nd Reservoir	544.80
New Layout & Relocation on River Street	100.00
School Building Improvement	1,772.06
Purchased Parcels of Land from Southbridge Finishing	2.00

Town Hall Alterations and Repairs	1,837.22	
New Layout & Relocation on Westville Road	100.00	90,933.57
Sewer Assessment Reserve		5,134.90
Overlay Surplus		4,274.76
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1955	\$ 1,190.28	
Levy of 1954	332.50	1,522.78
Revenue Reserve until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Revenue	\$ 21,075.59	
Sewer Assessment Revenue	1,100.66	
Tax Title Revenue and Tax Possessions	2,984.38	
Departmental Revenue	38,309.18	
Highway Aid Revenue	32,400.00	95,869.81
Excess and Deficiency		100,293.11
		<u>\$543,680.11</u>

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES

O'Drawn Acct. 1/1/56	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Var. Accts. to 1957	O'drawn Accts. 12/31/56
General Government:								
Moderator—Salary	60.00		60.00	60.00		60.00		
Moderator—Expense	12.00		12.00				12.00	
Finance Committee	100.00		100.00	35.00		35.00	65.00	
Selectmen—Salaries	3,750.00							
By Selectmen—Expense		62.60						
By Refund		75.00						
Selectmen—Expense	1,000.00		3,887.60	3,887.60		3,887.60		
By Refund								
By Reserve Fund		96.25						
By Town Hall Exp.		81.25						
By Reserve for Petty Cash Advance		18.95						
By Petty Cash Adv.		5.00						
By Town Hall Altera. and Repairs		5.00						
To Selectmen—Sal.		333.13						
To Reserve for Petty Cash Advance			1,539.58	1,440.13	62.60			
Garbage Collection	6,753.00				5.00	1,507.73	31.85	
By Reserve Fund		1,280.00						
By Excess & Def.		367.00						
Accountant—Salaries	6,360.00		8,400.00	8,400.00		8,400.00		
Accountant—Expenses	500.00		6,360.00	6,354.98		6,354.98	5.02	
Treasurer—Salaries	5,800.00		500.00	456.32		456.32	43.68	
By Refund		1.65						
Treasurer—Expenses	1,800.00		5,801.65	5,801.65		5,801.65		
Town Collector—Salaries	7,750.00		1,800.00	1,794.77		1,794.77	5.23	
By Excess & Def.		700.00	8,450.00	8,450.00		8,450.00		

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Cont.)

O'Drawn Acct. 1/1/56	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Var. Accts.	Balance Forw'd to 1957	O'drawn Accts. 12/31/56
Town Collector—Exp.	2,699.00		2,699.00	2,645.09		2,645.09	53.91		
Assessors—Salaries	9,700.00		9,700.00	9,643.25		9,683.25	16.75		
To Assess. Travel Acct.					40.00				
Assessors—Expenses	1,200.00								
By Refund		61.71	1,261.71	1,260.82		1,260.82	.89		
Assessors—Trav. Acct.	400.00								
By Assessors—Sal.		40.00	440.00	417.48		417.48	22.52		
Town Clerk—Salaries	7,489.00		7,489.00	7,423.69		7,423.69	65.31		
Town Clerk—Expenses	921.00								
By Petty Cash Adv.		50.00							
By Reserve for Petty									
Cash Advance		50.00	1,021.00	883.43					
To Reserve for Petty					50.00	933.43	87.57		
Cash Advance									
Election & Registra-									
tion — Salaries	550.00		850.00	833.11		833.11	16.89		
By Excess & Def.		300.00							
Election & Registra-									
tion — Elec. Exp.	9,099.00		9,099.00	7,561.97		7,561.97	1,537.03		
Electron & Registra-									
tion — Relisting Exp.	1,543.00		1,543.00	1,496.58		1,496.58	46.42		
Precinct Change-Over									
By Reserve Fund		477.92	477.92	389.71		389.71	88.21		
Law—Salaries	2,400.00		2,400.00	2,400.00		2,400.00			
Law—Expense	300.00								
By Reserve Fund		200.00	500.00	473.08		473.08	26.92		
Engineering—Sal.	17,394.00								
By 1956 Revenue		117.25	17,511.25	17,026.15		17,026.15	485.10		
Engineering—Exp.	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,997.06		1,997.06	2.94		

Town Hall—Salaries	3,100.00					
By Reserve Fund	450.00	3,550.00	3,049.91			
To Town Hall Expense				427.51	3,477.42	72.58
Town Hall—Exp.	5,500.00					
By Town Hall Sal.	427.51	5,927.51	5,768.12			
To Selectmen's Exp.				18.95	5,787.07	140.44
Planning Board	650.00					
Bal. 1/1/56	242.81	892.81	807.06		807.06	85.75
Board of Appeals	204.60	204.60				
Balance 1/1/56						204.60
Contributory Retirement System	1,090.00	1,090.00	1,090.00		1,090.00	
By-Laws Revision						
Balance 1/1/56	234.26					
By Excess & Def.	3,388.00	3,622.26	3,293.63		3,293.63	328.63
Total General Gov.	99,920.00	109,189.89	105,140.59	604.06	105,744.65	2,912.01
						533.23

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police—Salaries	98,550.00	98,550.00	98,549.81	98,549.81	1.19
Police Fingerprint Identification Equipment	150.00	150.00	148.09	148.09	1.91
Police—Bldg. Repairs	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	
Police—School Safety Patrol Supplies	300.00	300.00	295.68	295.68	4.32
Auxiliary Pol. Equip.	100.00	100.00	97.93	97.93	2.07
Police—Officers' Equip.	350.00	350.00	346.41	346.41	3.59
Police—Expenses	9,100.00				
By Refund		15.00	9,101.70	9,101.70	13.30
Police—Remote Control Unit	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	
Police—Steel Pol. Boat	320.00	320.00	318.90	318.90	1.10
Police—Park. Meter Div.—Salaries					
By Park. Meter Fund		10,800.00	10,797.80	10,797.80	2.20

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Cont.)

O'Drawn Acct. 1/1/56	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Var. Accts. to 1957	O'drawn Accts. 12/31/56
Police—Park. Meter Div.— Expense								
By Park. Meter Fund		3,000.00	3,000.00	2,997.71		2,997.71	2.29	
Police—Park. Meter Div.— New Cruiser								
By Park. Meter Fund		2,200.00	2,200.00	2,196.25		2,196.25	3.75	
Fire—Salaries	90,700.00		90,700.00	90,679.51		90,679.51	20.49	
Fire—Expenses	5,700.00		5,700.00	5,596.84		5,596.84	103.16	
Fire—50 Gal. Liquid Foam	278.00		278.00	275.00		275.00	3.00	
Fire—Out of State Travel	150.00		150.00					
To New Addition Ambu- lance Garage					90.45			
To Ambulance—Expense					59.55	150.00		
Fire—New Underground Cables and Fire Alarm Boxes								770.89
Fire—New Pumper	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,229.11		2,229.11		
Hydrants	17,500.00		17,500.00	17,467.84		17,467.84	32.16	
Forest Fire—Sal.	22,100.00		22,100.00	21,482.50		21,482.50	617.50	
Forest Fire—Exp.	200.00		200.00	200.00		200.00		
By Excess & Def.	1,585.00							
Ambulance—Expense	1,721.00	300.00	1,385.00	1,374.00		1,374.00	11.00	
By Out of State Trav.		59.55	1,780.55	1,741.72		1,741.72	38.83	
Sealer of Weights and Measures—Salary	1,700.00		1,700.00	1,700.00		1,700.00		
Sealer of Weights and Measures—Exp.	400.00		400.00	388.55		388.55	11.45	
Tree Warden	2,200.00		2,200.00	2,200.00		2,200.00		
Dutch Elm Disease	3,500.00							

By Refund		17.93	3,517.93	3,517.93	
Moth Exterm.	400.00		400.00	400.00	
Animal Insp.—Salary	350.00		349.94	349.94	.06
Animal Insp.—Expense	75.00		74.69	74.69	.31
Bldg. Insp.—Salary	775.00		775.00	775.00	
Bldg. Insp.—Exp.	150.00		136.36	136.36	13.64
Wire Insp.—Salary	800.00		800.00	800.00	
Wire Insp.—Expenses	150.00		150.00	150.00	
Dog Officer—Salary	250.00				
By Excess & Def.		500.00	750.00	750.00	
Dog Officer—Expense	495.00		495.00	495.00	
Street Lighting	24,000.00				
By 1956 Revenue		2,000.00	26,000.00	23,813.83	2,186.17
Total Protection of Persons and Property	287,849.00	18,892.48	306,741.48	302,748.10	3,072.49
			150.00	302,898.10	770.89
Highways:					
Highway—Salary	4,500.00		4,500.00	4,500.00	
Highway—Labor	41,431.00		41,413.32	41,413.32	17.68
Highway—Expense	10,000.00				
By Refund		218.00	10,218.00	10,189.22	
To Infirmary Retaining Wall				26.24	2.54
Highway—Oil and Sand For Roads	10,000.00		10,000.00		
To H. J. Proulx, Purchase of Land				1,000.00	96.57
Road Mach. Maint.	10,000.00				
By Refund		602.79			
By Reserve Fund		3,000.00			
By Rubbish Collection		700.00	14,302.79	14,201.73	101.06
Highway—New Equipment					
Road Mach. Mainten.	6,200.00		6,200.00	6,126.86	73.14

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Cont.)

O'Drawn Acct. 1/1/56	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Var. Accts.	Balance Forw'd to 1957	O'drawn Accts. 12/31/56
1956 Chapter 90 Road Maintenance	1,200.00		1,200.00	3,600.00		3,600.00			2,400.00
1955 Chapter 90 Road Maintenance									
O'drawn Bal.									
1/1/56	2,400.00								
By Highway Aid Rev.		2,400.00	2,400.00						
Town Dump—Salary	2,700.00		2,700.00	2,700.00		2,700.00			
Town Dump Rodent Control	900.00		900.00	900.00		900.00			
Rubbish Collection	6,200.00		6,200.00	5,254.15					
To Road Machinery					700.00				
Maintenance									
To Globe Village									
Fire Station					55.27	6,009.42	190.58		
Disabled Vet's Acct.									
Snow and Ice Acct.	7,000.00								
By 1956 Revenue		25,000.00	32,000.00	31,984.20		31,984.20	15.80		
Sidewalk Repairs	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,999.03		1,999.03	.97		
Total Highways	2,400.00	31,920.79	134,051.79	131,771.94	1,781.51	133,553.45	498.34		2,400.00

Health and Sanitation:

Health—Salaries	11,080.00		11,080.00	11,079.68		11,079.68	.32		
Health—Expenses	500.00		500.00	499.63		499.63	.37		
Health—T. B. & Con- tagious Diseases									
By Reserve Fund	3,500.00	489.87							

By Premature Births	1,000.00	4,989.87	3,826.85	1,000.00	4,826.85	163.02
To Premature Births						
Health—Premat. Births	1,000.00					
By T B & Contagious		2,000.00	870.24			
Diseases						
To T. B. & Contagious						
Diseases						
Health—Travel	400.00	400.00	373.65	1,000.00	1,870.24	129.76
Health—Castle Autoclave					373.65	26.35
For Clinic	230.00	230.00	230.00			
Sewer—Salaries	7,015.00					
By 1957 Revenue		10,715.00	6,814.80		6,814.80	200.20
Sewer—Expense	1,200.00	1,200.00	742.41		742.41	457.59
Sewer—Repair Manhole						
Covers						
Balance 1/1/56		300.00	300.00			300.00

Total of Health and Sanitation	24,925.00	6,489.87	31,414.87	24,437.26	2,000.00	26,437.26	977.61	4,000.00
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Charities and Veterans Benefits:

General Relief (Public Welfare)—Sal.	14,890.00		14,890.00	14,883.82		14,883.82	6.18	
General Rel.—Exp.	50,000.00							
By Refunds		264.75	50,264.75	48,896.76		48,896.76	1,367.99	
Disability Assistance—Exp.	14,420.00							
By Refunds		146.35	14,566.35	14,242.77		14,242.77	323.58	
Aid to Dependent								
Children—Expense	28,700.00							
By Refunds		193.95						
By Reserve Fund		300.00	29,193.95	29,193.95		29,193.95		
Old Age Assistance—Expense	140,040.00							
By Refund		484.63						

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Cont.)

O'Drawn Acct. 1/1/56	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Var. Accts. to 1957	O'drawn Accts. 12/31/56
By Reserve Fund								
A. D. C. Fed. Gr.—		2,000.00	142,524.63	142,524.63		142,524.63		
Salary & Adminis.								
Balance 1/1/56		983.95		643.12		643.12	2,164.64	
From Comm. of Mass.		1,805.81	2,789.76					
A. D. C. Fed. Gr.—								
Expenses								
Balance 1/1/56		2,972.99						
By Refund		55.70						
From Comm. of Mass.		22,362.83	25,391.52	25,214.14		25,214.14	177.38	
A. D. C. Fed. Gr.—								
Salaries & Admin.								
Balance 1/1/56		398.38						
From Comm. of Mass.		592.63	991.01	788.22		788.22	202.79	
Disability Assist.,								
Fed. Gr.—Expenses								
Balance 1/1/56		1,180.37						
From Comm. of Mass.		8,353.02	9,533.39	8,607.74		8,607.74	925.65	
A. D. C. Fed. Gr.—								
Salaries & Adm.								
Balance 1/1/56		6,178.20						
By Refund		5.88						
From Comm. of Mass.		5,824.89	12,008.89	6,122.33		6,122.33	5,886.56	
O. A. A. Fed. Gr.—								
Expenses								
Balance 1/1/56		3,855.00						
By Refunds		507.85						
By O. A. A. Recoveries		1,017.41						
From Comm. of Mass.		107,717.92	113,098.18	111,867.63		111,867.63	1,230.55	
Infirmary—Salaries			3,700.00	3,699.96		3,699.96	.04	
	3,700.00							

Infirmary—Expenses	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,497.98	8,497.98	2.02
Infirmary—Repairs	1,200.00	1,200.00	966.15	966.15	233.85
Veterans Benefits—Sal.	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	
Veteran Benefits—Exp.	60,000.00				
By Refunds		210.05			
By Excess & Def.		9,000.00			
By Overlay Surplus		1,000.00			
Veteran Services—					
Salaries	4,375.00	4,375.00	4,375.00	4,375.00	2.19
Expenses	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	
Vet. Serv.—Photostatic					
Machine	450.00	450.00	449.75	449.75	.25
Soldiers' Burial	400.00	400.00	2.80	2.80	397.20
Burial Allowance to					
Vet's. Organiz.	100.00	100.00	549.68	549.68	100.00
Maintenance of Vet. Graves	550.00	550.00			.32
Total Charities and					
Veteran Benefits	329,475.00	177,412.48	506,887.48	493,884.29	2,433.62
					10,569.57

Schools and Library:

Schools—Salaries	484,752.00				
By Refund		25.00	484,777.00	479,642.66	
To Federal Lunch					
Program (Approp.)					
School—Expenses	146,705.00			2,600.00	2,534.34
By Refund		15.75			
By Audio Visual Aid		78.76	146,799.51	146,781.19	18.32
Contingency Fund	5,000.00		5,000.00	4,778.98	
To School Building					
Improvem. Acct.				221.02	5,000.00
Library—Salaries	14,678.00				
By Trustees of					
Jacob Edwards Lib.		2,265.53	16,943.53	16,943.53	

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O'Drawn Acct. 1/1/56	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Var. Accts. to 1957	O'drawn Accts. 12/31/56
Library—Expenses	5,213.00							
By Refund		9.98						
By Trustees Jacob Edwards Library		116.42	5,339.40	5,339.40		5,339.40		
Library—Alterations and Improvements	1,000.00							
By 1956 Revenue		1,000.00						
By Trustees of Jacob Edwards Library		7,580.42	9,580.42	9,580.42		9,580.42		
Total of Schools and Library	657,348.00	11,091.86	668,439.86	663,006.18	2,821.02	665,887.20	2,552.66	

Recreation and Unclassified:

Parks	500.00		500.00	499.94		499.94	.06	
Playgrounds	4,000.00		4,000.00	3,982.57		3,982.57	17.43	
World War I Mem. Pk	400.00		400.00	400.00		400.00		
World War II Memorial— Honor Roll	200.00		200.00	179.60		179.60	20.40	
Swimming Pool—Salaries	3,300.00							
By Reserve Fund		10.65	3,310.65	3,310.65		3,310.65		
Swimming Pool Sal.— Winter Sports	400.00		400.00	177.85		177.85	222.15	
Swimming Pool—Exp. By Swim. Pool Special Water Account	650.00	70.37						
By Reserve Fund		147.94	868.31	865.35		865.35	2.96	
Swimming Pool—Red Cross Instruction	200.00		200.00	186.00		186.00	14.00	

Swimming Pool—Winter Sports Exp.	75.00		75.00	71.62	71.62	3.38	
Swimming Pool—Special Water Account		136.10	135.10	19.50			
Balance 1/1/56 To Swimming Pool—Expense					70.37		46.23
Swimming Pool—Portable Resuscitator	200.00		200.00	200.00	89.87	200.00	
Dresser St. Field—Salaries	5,000.00		5,000.00	4,991.57	4,991.57	8.43	
Dresser St. Field—Maint. and Improvement	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,997.59	2,997.59	2.41	
Dresser St. Field—Repairs To Field	700.00		700.00	698.92	698.92	1.08	
Dresser St. Field—Little League, Babe Ruth and Minor League Exp.	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,597.37	1,597.37	2.63	
Alumni Field—Salaries	800.00		800.00	781.50			
To Swimming Pool—Sal.					10.65		
Alumni Field—Expenses	1,000.00		1,000.00	996.95	792.15	7.85	
Alumni Field—Two Soft Ball Diamonds					996.95	3.05	
Balance 1/1/56		404.20	404.20	402.70	402.70	1.50	
Henry St. Field—Salaries	1,000.00		1,000.00	999.01	999.01	.99	
Henry St. Field—Exp. By Refund	700.00	19.73	719.73	719.69	719.69	.04	
Henry St. Field—Maint. and Improvement	1,000.00		1,000.00	999.97	999.97	.03	
Airport Maint. Acct. Balance 1/1/56		460.18	460.18				460.18
Damage to Persons and Property	2,500.00						
By 1956 Revenue		1,000.00					
By 1957 Revenue		2,625.60					
Memorial Day	900.00						
			6,125.60	3,254.00	3,254.00	246.00	2,625.60
			900.00	900.00	900.00		

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O'Drawn Acct. 1/1/56	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Var. Accts.	Balance Forw'd to 1957	O'drawn Accts. 12/31/56
Veterans' Day	600.00		600.00	600.00		600.00			
Annual Reports	1,800.00								
By 1956 Revenue		34.84	1,834.84	1,834.84		1,834.84			
Non-Contributory Pens.	8,000.00		8,000.00	6,167.73		6,167.73	1,832.27		
Insurance	21,000.00								
By Refunds		155.79							
By Excess & Def.		620.94	21,776.73	21,776.73		21,776.73			
Town Clock	50.00		50.00	50.00		50.00			
Pension Accum. Fund	20,158.00		20,158.00	20,158.00		20,158.00			
Total of Recreation and Unclassified	79,733.00	5,686.34	85,419.34	79,819.65	81.02	79,900.67	2,386.66	3,132.01	
Cemetery:									
Cemetery Expense	5,250.00								
By Refund		48.66							
From Dividends		3,202.52	8,501.18	8,398.72	15.00	8,413.72	87.46		
To Ella M. Cole Fund									
Cemetery Improvem. Acct.		1,719.28							
Balance 1/1/56									
By Sale of Lots and Graves Fund		1,390.00	3,109.28	1,954.55		1,954.55		1,154.73	
Total Cemetery	5,250.00	6,360.46	11,610.46	10,353.27	15.00	10,368.27	87.46	1,154.73	
Special Accounts:									
Ambulance Garage Add.	1,500.00								
Balance 1/1/56		4,920.18							
By Out of State Trav.		90.45	6,510.63	4,685.63		4,685.63		1,825.00	

Audio Visual Aids—

Schools	2,000.00	205.38	2,205.38	2,175.06	30.32	
By Refund						
Construction of Drain						
Rear Baptist Church						
Parsonage	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,556.97	1,556.97	443.03
Board of Review Exp.						
By Excess & Def.		100.00				
By Refund		4.00	104.00	78.60	78.60	25.40
Brook Road Reconstruct.						
By Brookside Bridge						
Reconstruction		2,000.00	2,000.00	1,999.53	1,999.53	.47
Brookside Rd. Reconstruct.						
Balance 1/1/56		12,500.00	12,500.00			
To Brook Rd. Reconstruct.					2,000.00	
To Sayles St. Reconstruct.					10,500.00	
Cady Brook Land Dam. Acct.						
Balance 1/1/56		100.00	100.00			100.00
Cady Brook Channel Clearance Acct.	100.00		100.00			100.00
New Layout and Relocation on Central St.						
By Excess & Def.		100.00	100.00			100.00
New Layout and Relocation on Charlton St.						
By Excess & Def.		100.00	100.00	15.00	15.00	85.00
Charlton St. Bridge						
By 1956 Revenue		400.00	400.00			400.00
Constr. San. Sewer from						
Charlton St. along						
Falkner and Newman						
Avenue	300.00					
By Excess & Def.		3,900.00	4,200.00	4,034.38	4,034.38	165.62
Chestnut St. Reconstruct.						
Balance 1/1/56		454.53	454.53	207.36	207.36	247.17

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O'Drawn Acct. 1/1/56	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Var. Accts.	Balance Forw'd to 1957	O'drawn Accts. 12/31/56
Anthony & Walter Ciesla Land Purchase—Jct. Mill St. & Quine- baug River								2,450.00	
By 1957 Revenue	6,365.00	2,450.00	2,450.00						
Civil Defense									
By Refund		9.40	6,374.40	6,367.18		6,367.18	7.22		
Cohasse Brook Channel Improvem.									
Balance 1/1/56		10,000.00	10,000.00					10,000.00	
Cohasse Brook Channel Clearance Acct.	100.00		100.00					100.00	
Dean Brook Channel Improvement from Southbridge to Charlton Line									
Dennison Dr. Sanitary Sewer	100.00		100.00					100.00	
By Sewer Assessment Reserve		1,000.00	1,000.00	817.75		817.75	182.25		
Depot Parking Lot Resurfacing To H. J. Proulx	15,000.00		15,000.00	12,904.05					
Land Purchase Depot Parking Lot— Renewing of Water Serv.					2,000.00	14,904.05	95.95		
By 1956 Revenue		400.00							
By Excess & Def.		6.11	406.11	406.11				406.11	
Dresser Memorial Park By Insur. Loss Reimburse.	106.18								

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O'Drawn Acct. 1/1/56	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Var. Accts.	Balance Forw'd to 1957	O'drawn Accts. 12/31/56
By Insurance		151.08							
By Elec. Light Receipts		1,053.94							
By Civ. Def. Housing Rents		6,340.40							
By 1956 Revenue		157,954.39	326,930.97						
To Emergency Fl. Relief— Sal. & Exp.				54,670.83					
To Hurricane No. 2 Edna					2,232.42				
To Permanent Repairs					115.45				
To Estimated Receipts					142,158.95	199,177.65		100.00	34,094.91
Fed. Housing Project	100.00		100.00						
Fiske St. San. Sewer Construction	1,000.00		1,000.00	783.40		783.40	216.60		
Forest Ave. Reconstr.									
Balance 1/1/56		1,603.80	1,603.80	37.12		37.12		1,566.68	
Foster St. Parking Lot Repairs									
Balance 1/1/56		526.22	526.22	245.25		245.25		280.97	
Globe Village Fire Station, Disabled Vets									
By Excess & Def.	500.00								
By Refunds		4.42							
By Rubbish Coll.		55.27	559.69	559.69		559.69			
Guelphwood Rd. Guard Rail									
Balance 1/1/56		500.00	500.00					500.00	
Hillside Rd. Sanitary Sewer									
By Excess & Def.		3,600.00	3,600.00	2,965.65		2,965.65		634.35	

Hurricane No. 2 Edna						
By Emerg. Flood Relief	2,232.42	2,232.42		2,232.42		
Infirmary Retaining						
Wall Construction						
By Highway Exp.	26.24	26.24		26.24		
Group Life, Accident						
Ins. (Payroll Deduc.)	743.58			744.58		
By Employees Contrib.	1.00					
By Blue Cross						
Group Life, Accident						
Insurance	3,783.00					
By 1957 Revenue						
By Reserve Fund	400.00	4,183.00	400.00		400.00	3,783.00
Land Damage Appraisal						
By 1957 Revenue	1,500.00	1,500.00				1,500.00
Leonide Lemire Post						
No. 6055—Lease	900.00	900.00	900.00		900.00	
Erection of Fence						
Henry St. Field	480.00	480.00	478.00		478.00	2.00
Purchase of Land						
Albert Loomis &						
Removal Build.						
By 1956 Revenue	5,300.00	5,300.00	5,300.00		5,300.00	
Mary Ellen Lane San.						
Sewer Constr.	700.00	700.00	699.35		699.35	.65
By S/A Reserve						
Mary Ellen Storm						
Drain Constr.	6,500.00	6,500.00	4,789.80		4,789.80	1,710.20
McKinstry Brook Channel						
Improvement	100.00	100.00				100.00
Bailey Bridge off						
Mechanic St.						
By 1956 Revenue	5,000.0	5,000.00	1,955.54		1,955.54	3,044.46
New Layout and Re-						
location on Mill St.						
By Excess & Def.	100.00	100.00				100.00

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O'Drawn Acct. 1/1/56	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Var. Accts.	Balance Forw'd to 1957	O'drawn Accts. 12/31/56
Morris St. Extension Balance 1/1/56		167.18	167.18				167.18		
National Guard Acct. Balance 1/1/56		1,083.12							
By Excess & Def.		990.00	2,073.12	1,980.00		1,980.00	93.12		
Constr. Overflow Line San. Sewer—Jct. North & Crys- stal Sts.	1,100.00		1,100.00	933.50		933.50	166.50		
Nuisance Brook Culvert Balance 1/1/56		983.70	983.70				983.70		
Extending Culvert on Nuisance Brook to Quinebaug River	100.00		100.00					100.00	
Nuisance Brook Diversion Drain Account	100.00								
By Post War Re- habilitation Fund	25,000.00		25,100.00					25,100.00	
Extending Nuisance Brook Drain from Dresser St. to Marcy St.	100.00		100.00						
Outstanding Bills of Previous Years	9.16		9.16	9.16		9.16			
Construc. of Drain on Pleasant St. near home of Alfred McKinstry	2,250.00		2,250.00	1,995.42		1,995.42			254.58

Purchased from J. Wilfred Pontbriand & Eva, Sand and Gravel						
By H. J. Proulx—Sand & Gravel	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,945.50	2,945.50	54.50	
Purchase from H. J. Proulx, Sand & Gravel By Depot Park. Lot Resurfacing	2,000.00					
By Oil for Roads	1,000.00					
By H. J. Proulx	200.00	3,200.00	200.00			
To J. Wilfred Pontbriand			3,000.00	3,200.00		
Quinebaug River Land Damage Account						
Balance 1/1/56	100.00	100.00				100.00
Repair Dam at 2nd Reserv.						
Balance 1/1/56	544.80	544.80				544.80
New Layout & Reloca. on River St.						
By Excess & Def.	100.00	100.00				100.00
Sayles St. Reconstruct.						
By Brookside Rd. Bridge Reconstruct.	10,500.00					
By Vinton St. Bridge Rec.	12,480.00	22,980.00	22,465.70	22,465.70	514.30	
School Bldg. Improvem. Acct.						
Balance 1/1/56	4,767.61					
By Contingency Fund	221.02	4,988.63	3,216.57	3,216.57		1,772.06
Snow St. Sanit. Sewer						
By S/A Reserve	428.00	428.00	414.88	414.88	13.12	
Purchased Parcel of Land from Southbr. Finish.						
By 1956 Revenue	1.00					
By Excess & Def.	1.00	2.00				2.00

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O'Drawn Acct. 1/1/56	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Var. Accts.	Balance Forw'd to 1957	O'drawn Accts. 12/31/56
Stone Wall Betw. W. W. Mem. I & Fire Stat. Balance 1/1/56		500.00	500.00	485.00		485.00	15.00		
Swimming Pool—Litchfield Ave. Drain		1,000.00	1,000.00				1,000.00		
Balance 1/1/56									
Town Hall Altera. & Repairs	3,000.00	2,171.60	5,171.60	3,001.25	333.13	3,334.38		1,837.22	
Balance 1/1/56									
Plant. & Car. Trees & Shrubs—Gift Nether- lands Govern.	1,900.00		1,900.00	1,900.00		1,900.00			
Vinton St. Bridge Recon. Balance 1/1/56		12,500.00	12,500.00	12,480.00		12,480.00	20.00		
Violet Ave. Recon. By Excess & Def.	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,158.07		2,158.07	341.93		
Violet Ave. Sanitary Sewer Construc. By Excess & Def.	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,490.10		1,490.10	9.90		
Voting Precinct Acct. Balance 1/1/56		174.00	174.00	174.00		174.00			
M. E. Wells H. S. Toilet Accom. New Layout and Reloca. on Westville Rd.		882.77	882.77	843.83		843.83	38.94		
By Excess & Def.		100.00	100.00					100.00	
Total Special Accounts	97,723.34	458,524.30	556,247.64	178,224.66	164,772.37	342,997.03	4,154.58	81,342.71	34,094.91

Interest and Maturing Debt:

Interest—Temporary Loans	7,000.00					
By Reserve Fund		1,172.50	8,172.50	8,172.50	8,172.50	
Interest—Fixed Debt	270.00		270.00	270.00	270.00	
Maturing Debt	10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Anticipation of Revenue Loan		150,000.00				
Balance 1/1/56		850,000.00	1,000,000.00	800,000.00	800,000.00	200,000.00
Issued in 1956						
Total Interest and Maturing Debt	17,270.00	1,001,172.50	1,018,442.50	818,442.50	818,442.50	200,000.00

Agency, Trust and Investment:

Parking Meter Fees						
Balance 1/1/56	18,386.16					
Receipts	18,358.56	36,744.72				
To Various Accounts					16,000.00	20,744.72
Federal Tax Deduc.	109,230.28	109,230.28	109,230.28		109,230.28	
Blue Cross Deduc.	10,459.96	10,459.96	10,459.96		10,459.96	
Insur. Loss Reimbursement						
Account						
Balance 1/1/56	4,893.82	4,893.82			4,893.82	
To Dresser Mem. Park						
Deposits on Plans and Bids						
Balance 1/1/56	300.00					
Deposits	10,911.00	11,211.00				
Refunds						
Deposit in Lieu of Bond — Resurfac.				11,201.00	11,201.00	10.00
Cemetery						
Deposits C. D. E. Trailers	845.25	845.25	845.25		845.25	
Balance 1/1/56	680.80					
Deposits	200.00	880.80	880.80	880.80		880.80
Post War Rehabil. Fund						
Transf. from Sav. Acct.	25,000.00	25,000.00				

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O'Drawn Acct. 1/1/56	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Var. Accts. to 1957	O'drawn Accts. 12/31/56
To Nuisance Brook Diver. Drain Account					25,000.00	25,000.00		
Post War Rehabil. Fund								
Income Invested		3,375.00	3,375.00	3,375.00		3,375.00		
J. J. Angel Fund								
Balance 1/1/56		31.27	31.27				31.27	
Alexis Boyer, Jr., Fund								
Balance 1/1/56		11.29	11.29				11.29	
Ella M. Cole Fund								
Balance 1/1/56		473.16						
Fund Income		92.50	565.66	67.45		67.45	498.21	
Mabel Murphy Fund								
Balance 1/1/56		92.97						
Fund Income		60.00	152.97	76.50		76.50	76.47	
Mary Mynott Fund								
Balance 1/1/56		21.33						
Fund Income		30.00	51.33	19.34		19.34	31.99	
Adah Stedman Fund								
Balance 1/1/56		91.96						
Fund Income		30.00	121.96	36.50		36.50	85.46	
George Barden-Smith Hughes Fund								
From Comm. of Mass.		1,651.27	1,651.27	1,531.27		1,531.27	120.00	
School Athletic Fund								
Balance 1/1/56	1,500.00	3,635.80						
By Refund		180.50						
Receipts		4,224.25	9,540.55	8,760.51		8,760.51	780.04	
Federal Lunch Prog. (Rotating Acct.)								
Balance 1/1/56		464.78						

From Comm. of Mass.	10,487.54				
By Refund	104.19				
By Petty Cash Adv.	50.00				
By Reserve for Petty Cash Advance	50.00				
Receipts	27,250.30	38,406.81	34,369.72		
To Reserve for Petty Cash Advance				50.00	3,987.09
Federal Lunch Program (Appropriation)	3,000.00				
By School—Sal.		5,600.00	5,600.00		
Sale of Land Account					
Balance 1/1/56	1,000.00	1,000.00			1,000.00
Dog Tax—County	1,991.20				
By Refund	1.80	1,993.00	1,987.60		5.40
Cemetery Perpet. Care					
Bequests					
Deposited	595.00	595.00	460.00		135.00
Road Mach. Rental Fund	1,598.83	1,598.83			1,598.83
Tailings	431.21	431.21			431.21
State Auditing Tax	1,924.17	1,924.17	1,901.07		23.10
State Parks and Reservation Tax					
Balance 1/1/56	2,279.60				
To 1956 Revenue	364.48	2,644.08	3,897.98	364.48	1,618.38
State Examination of Retirement System					
County Tax	56.54	56.54	56.54		
O'drawn Bal.	61,643.95	61,643.95	67,190.40		5,546.45
1/1/56					
County T. B. Hosp.					
Maint. Tax	34,437.62				
Balance 1/1/56	7,754.31	42,191.93	30,181.09	7,754.31	4,256.53
To 1956 Revenue					

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Cont.)

O'Drawn Acct. 1/1/56	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Var. Accts.	Balance Forw'd to 1957	O'drawn Accts. 12/31/56
Various Overpayments— Refunds		5,469.72	5,469.72	5,469.72		5,469.72			
Total Agency, Trust, Invest- ment and Refunds	5,684.64	40,918.33	337,404.04	378,322.37	297,597.98	351,660.59	33,826.61	7,164.83	
Recapitulation:									
General Government		99,920.00	9,269.89	109,189.89	105,140.59	105,744.65	2,912.01	533.23	
Protection of Persons and Property		237,849.00	18,892.48	306,741.48	302,748.10	302,898.10	3,072.49	770.89	
Health and Sanitation		24,925.00	6,489.87	31,414.87	24,437.26	26,437.26	977.61	4,000.00	
Highway	2,400.00	102,131.00	31,920.79	134,051.79	131,711.94	133,553.45	498.34		2,400.00
Charities and Vet. Benefits		329,475.00	177,412.48	506,887.48	493,884.29	493,884.29	2,433.62	10,569.57	
Schools and Library		657,348.00	11,091.86	668,439.86	663,066.18	665,887.20	2,552.66		
Recreation and Unclassified		79,733.00	5,686.34	85,419.34	79,819.65	79,900.67	2,386.66	3,132.01	
Cemeteries and Enterprises		5,250.00	6,360.46	11,610.46	10,353.27	10,368.27	87.46	1,154.73	
Special Accts.	161,848.23	97,723.34	458,524.30	556,247.64	178,224.66	342,997.03	4,154.58	81,342.71	34,094.91
Interest and Maturing Debt		17,270.00	1,001,172.50	1,018,442.50	818,442.50	818,442.50	200,000.00		
Agency, Trust, Investment and Refunds	5,684.64	40,918.33	337,404.04	378,322.37	297,597.98	351,660.59	33,826.61	7,164.83	
	169,932.87	1,742,542.67	2,064,225.01	3,806,767.68	3,105,486.42	3,331,774.01	19,075.43	335,329.75	43,659.74

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND
Superintendent of Schools



OF THE
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE
For the Year Ending December 31, 1956

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

DECEMBER 31, 1956

THE SOUTHBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1956 - 1957

Chairman, Belmore St. Amant, 11 Edwards St.	1958
Vice-Chairman, Dr. Ralph R. Racicot, 192 Chapin	1958
Lorenzo Beaupre, 131 Central St.	1957
Edgar J. Bourgeois, 42 Goddard St.	1957
Louis VanDernoot, 45 Westwood Pkwy.	1959
Anatole J. Bombardier, 385 Hamilton St.	1959

MEETINGS OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The regular meetings of the School Committee are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P. M. in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Mary E. Wells High School Building. There are no regular meetings in July and August.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Robert L. Fox	
Residence: 46 Columbus Avenue	Tel. 4-8400
Office: Mary E. Wells High School	Tel. 4-3285

SECRETARIES

Margaret R. Connolly, 14 South Street	Tel. 4-6513
Mrs. Leona Lavoie, 14 Overland Street	Tel. 4-6733

The Superintendent's office is open from Monday through Friday, from 8.30 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.

SCHOOL PHYSICIANS

Dr. William Langevin, 24 Everett St.	Tel. 4-7358
Dr. Adah B. Eccleston, 62 Elm St.	Tel. 4-8141

SCHOOL NURSES

Mrs. Lottie A. LeBlanc, 54 Westwood Parkway	Tel. 4-3359
Mrs. Pauline Boucher, 13 Edwards St.	Tel. 4-7772

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Winter term, seven weeks	January 2 - February 15
Spring term, eight weeks	February 25 - April 18
Summer term, eight weeks	April 29 - June 21
Fall term, sixteen weeks	September 4 - December 20

NO-SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

The official No-School Announcement for all schools will be given over Stations WESO and WTAG at 7:00 A. M. and 7:45 A. M. There will also be two sets of eight blasts of the fire siren at 6:45 A. M. When it is necessary to make such a decision in the morning, schools will be closed for the entire day.

ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 1, 1956

Grades	5 - 7		7 - 14		14 - 16		16 - Up		Total	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
1	88	85	14	7					102	92
2	11	12	70	74	1				82	86
3		4	128	76					128	80
4			102	97					102	97
5			99	102					99	102
6			71	75	2	1			73	76
7			69	62	3	3			72	65
8			58	69	22	12			80	81
9			14	19	53	71	3	1	70	91
10				2	36	61	8	4	44	67
11					10	16	20	38	30	54
12							43	53	43	53
Trade			1		54		103		158	
Special			14	6	4	1	1		19	7
Total	99	101	640	586	185	165	178	96	1102	951
Total Southbridge Public Schools										2053
Total Saint Mary's School										288
Total Notre Dame School										838
Total Ste. Jeanne d'Arc School										250
Grand Total (all pupils attending school in Southbridge)										3429

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Reimbursements	Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1956
Salaries	\$482,152.00	\$479,617.66		\$2,534.34
Other Expenses (Including Transportation, Tuition, Medical Expenses, Textbooks, Supplies, Operation and Maintenance of Plant, Equipment, Capital Outlay, etc.)				
Contingency	146,705.00	146,686.68		18.32
Audio-Visual Aids	5,000.00	4,778.98		221.02
Playgrounds	2,000.00	1,969.68		30.32
Driver Education	4,000.00	3,982.57		17.43
Federal Lunch Program (Cafeteria)	1,200.00	1,198.58		1.42
Smith-Hughes Fund	5,600.00	5,600.00		
George Barden Fund	1,377.92	1,377.92		
General Athletic Fund	252.00	132.00		120.00
School Building Improvement Acct.	1,500.00	1,453.62		46.38
Wells Toilet Accommodations	4,767.61	3,216.57		1,551.04
State Aid for Schools (Chap. 70 as Amended 1948 Chap. 643)	882.77	843.83		38.94
Vocational School, State Grant			\$106,138.97	
Smith-Hughes, U. S. Gov. Fund			33,287.03	
George Barden Fund			1,377.92	
High School Tuition			132.00	
Elementary School Tuition and Transportation			1,458.24	
				1,438.72

FINANCIAL STATEMENT (Continued)

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Reimbursements	Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1956
Vocational School Tuition and Transportation			7,617.85	
Cole Trade High Evening School Tuition			161.00	
Cole Trade High School — Goods Sold			6.70	
Cole Trade High School — Clerical Services, Veterans' Reports			145.00	
Transportation Vocational Pupils			639.53	
Reimbursement—Vocational Tuition			611.92	
Reimbursement—Special Classes (Mentally Retarded Children)			4,930.25	
Reimbursement—Physically Handicapped Children			833.59	
Elementary Schools—Restitution, Broken Windows			9.00	
Rental of Auditorium			15.00	
TOTALS	\$655,437.30	\$650,858.09	\$158,582.72	\$4,579.21

IN BRIEF:

Total Expenditures

Total Receipts to Town Treasurer

Net Cost to Town

A detailed financial statement will be found in the Town Accountant's report.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

The name, date of appointment, and degrees appear in that order.

Robert L. Fox—1954	M.Ed.
Sven Rosengren—1950	M.A.
Claire Birtz—1937	
Lewis Kyrios—1954	D.Ed.
Elwood Jenness—1948	B.S.
Paul Sweet—1950	

Mary E. Wells High School

James M. Robertson—1937	D.Ed.
Nora Adams—1947 Secretary to Principal	
Pauline Aucoin—1921	B.S.
Kathryn Beauregard—1922	M.A.
Rose Brodeur—1939	M.A.
Eva Casavant—1933	M.A.
Laura Chapman—1953	A.B.
Anthony Chlapowski—1956	B.S.
Constance Coderre—1929	B.S.
Luise Corbin—1915	
Edward Desroches—1949	A.B.
Paul Duhart—1949	M.Ed.
Thecla Fitzgerald—1926	M.Ed.
Francis Flanagan—1956	B.S.
Robert Hart—1952	M.Ed.
Everett Holmes—1945	M.Ed.
Persis Howe—1930	B.S.
Barbara Kyrios—1940	B.S.
Eino Laakso—1945	M.A.
Harry McMahon—1926	M.A.
Fayne McMaster—1956	A.B.
William Nickerson—1941	B.S.
Elinor Small—1945	M.Ed.
Flora Tait—1939	M.A.
Frances Troy—1927	B.S.
Lindzay Varnam—1943	M.Ed.
Elsie Wanerka—1945	B.S.
John Welch—1948	M.Ed.

COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

Raymond L. W. Benoit—1949	M.Ed.
Maureen Prokos—1946 Secretary to Director	
Elsie Hofstra—1933 Clerk	
John Benson—1942	B.S.
George Braman—1938	
Walter Glondek—1938	
David Knight—1956	

Lucian Manchuk—1956	
William Paul—1942	
Eugene Remian—1949	B.S.
Frank P. Skinyon—1934	B.S.
Lawrence Swenson—1932	
Edwin Waskiewicz—1952	

CHARLTON STREET SCHOOL

R. Joseph Racine—1944	M.A.
Dorothy Berthiaume—1954	A.B.
Lorene Fierro—1954	B.S.
Helen Golden—1948	B.A.
Claire Kirk—1949	B.S.
John Kowalski, Jr.—1955	B.S.
Gwen Kuszewski—1954	
Dorothy Locke—1954	
Bernard Pouliot—1955	B.A.
Marie Saunders—1954	
Linda Shipley—1956	B.A.

EASTFORD ROAD SCHOOL

Raoul Lataille—1940	M.Ed.
Theodore Finnerty—1948	M.A.
Bertha Foley—1912	
Irene Gough—1912	
Ruth Huson—1946	
Thomas Mahoney—1954	B.S.
Julia Morrill—1914	
Mary Puracchio—1956	B.S.
Vincent Puracchio—1950	B.S.
Dorothy Simpson—1954	B.S.
Marie Skaza—1949	
Florida Tarquinio—1942	B.S.

MARCY STREET SCHOOL

Constance L'Ecuyer—1940	M.A.
Patricia Callahan—1939	M.A.
Alice Dion—1926	
Faith Dostal—1956	
Josette Dupuis—1948	A.B.
Myrtle Jodrey—1944	
Martha Koprowski—1954	B.S.
Malcolm Nash—1948	M.Ed.
Eva Salviuolo—1943	B.S.

MECHANIC STREET SCHOOL

Anita Sfreddo—1953	Ms.B.
Elizabeth Curtis—1944	A.B.
Myrtle Harrald—1955	

PLEASANT STREET SCHOOL

Camella Dintini—1940	B.S.
Maria Rayces—1956	
Ruth Sampson—1930	
Mary Winston—1951	

SPECIAL TEACHERS

William E. Rinehart—1952	B.S.
Stanley Naumnik—1954	
Clara Reed—1941	

WEST STREET SCHOOL

Laurenda Boyer—1927	
Yolande Augusto—1951	B.S.
Raymond Fell—1956	B.S.
Nancy Jodrey—1954	B.A.
Madelene Proulx—1954	B.S.
Anthony Sapienza—1954	B.S.
Shirley Richardson—1956	B.S.
Dorothy Sheriff—1945	
Anne Skudlark—1954	
Celestine Sweet—1932	B.A.
Betty-Lou Whritenour—1956	B.S.

CAFETERIA PERSONNEL

Edith Freeman—1953	Manager
Viola Galligan—1953	
Irene Gates—1954	
Germaine Gravel—1956	
Isabel LaForce—1953	

CHANGE OF TEACHERS

LEFT

Retired

Estelle Hefner—June	Mary E. Wells High
Cathryn Maxwell—June	Eastford Road
Corinne Beaudreau—June	Pleasant Street

Resigned

Arthur Lane—August	Mary E. Wells
Guy Raiti—February	Cole Trade High
Lois Traub—October	Eastford Road
Ann Bousquet—June	Mechanic Street
Tynne Straatveit—June	Mechanic Street
Betty-Lou Whritenour—November	West Street
Maria Rayces—December	Pleasant Street

Leave of Absence

Gilbert Lamarre—August	Mary E. Wells High
Ruth Mahan—August	Charlton Street
Evangeline Towse—August	Marcy Street

Appointments

February—Lucian Manchuk	Cole Trade High
April—David Knight	Cole Trade High
September—Anthony Chlapowski	Mary E. Wells
September—Francis Flanagan	Mary E. Wells
September—Fayne McMaster	Mary E. Wells
September—Linda Shipley	Charlton Street
September—Mary Puracchio	Eastford Road
September—Faith Dostal	Marcy Street
September—Myrtle Harrald	Mechanic Street
September—Maria Rayces	Pleasant Street
September—Shirley Richardson	West Street
October—Betty-Lou Whritenour	West Street
November—Raymond Fell	West Street

CHANGE OF JANITORS

Left

September—Joseph Libera	Mary E. Wells
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Appointments

October—Wilfred Pelletier	Mary E. Wells
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JANITORS

1954—Joseph Brouillard (Head Janitor)	Mary E. Wells
1946—John B. Craite	Cole Trade High
1942—Armand Gaumond	Mechanic Street
1952—Wilfred P. Gauthier	West Street
1952—Adelard Lavallee	Marcy Street
1943—Theophile Leduc	Charlton Street
1955—Joseph Libera	Mary E. Wells High
1941—Joseph Moore	Eastford Road
1949—Eugene Tetreault	Pleasant Street
1953—George St. Martin	Mary E. Wells
1956—Wilfred Pelletier	Mary E. Wells

ANNUAL REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of Southbridge:

Gentlemen:

I have the pleasure of presenting to you, and through you to the Citizens of the Town, my third annual report which is the sixty-second in the series of reports issued by the superintendents of the public schools of the town.

Enrollment Trends

Increase in school enrollment has not been as alarming as it has been in many other towns. School population in a neighboring community, for instance, has increased by several hundred each year for many years. In Southbridge our numbers have increased steadily at the rate of fifty to sixty each year, and the growth will continue at about the same rate during the years for which predictions may be made at this time. It may seem that fifty is a relatively small increase in a total enrollment of about two thousand, but, from an administrative point of view, the increase is the equivalent of about two classrooms.

A concrete example of the effect that this steady growth has upon school planning will be in evidence at the West Street School on next September. Two fourth grades, one from Pleasant Street School and one from West Street School, totaling sixty-five pupils, would enter the fifth grade at West Street School under normal conditions. There is, however, but one room available to them because at that school we shall have a double sixth grade and a double seventh grade. We shall have to place as large a number as possible, forty probably, in the room at the West Street School and transport the other twenty-five to other schools in town. The criteria used for the assignment of pupils to other schools are these: Those who live near enough to Marcy Street School shall be sent there even though Marcy Street School has thirty-two in its fourth grade this year and will be able to take no more than eight in its fifth grade next year. Since bus pupils have to be transported anyway, they will be transferred to other schools. If, by these methods, there are still too many in the fifth grade at the West Street School, a taxi service to Charlton Street or Eastford Road Schools will have to be instituted. This is but one of several similar problems which beset us in the elementary schools at the present time and which will become more harassing as the years unfold.

At the secondary level we have a situation which may be tolerable for another year. Including the eighth grade, there are 613 pupils in the Mary E. Wells High School building this year. The first indication of overcrowding has become apparent. During one of the class periods, a class in an academic subject must meet in the Household Arts Laboratory because

no regular classroom is available. There are ninety-six in the Senior class and by some strange statistical quirk only 137 in the seventh grades of the town. Therefore the increase in the number of pupils in the high school building will be disturbing but not alarming next year. But with 150 in the sixth grades and an average of 200 in grades three, four, and five, no imagination is required to foretell what must happen in September of 1959. The eighth grade must leave the high school building. Its destination, at that time, is uncertain.

Projects

The administrative guide, a book containing all the rules and regulations controlling principals, supervisors, teachers, and janitors, was published during the summer. It was the result of a two-year study on the part of the principals, and it is an extremely valuable document in that it serves to create common administrative practices throughout the system. With it as a guide, a comparison of policies between two schools within the community should no longer exist.

Another study of equal length on the part of all elementary school teachers resulted in the publishing of a curriculum guide for the elementary schools of the town. It is a volume of more than two hundred pages and contains, step by step, subject by subject, grade by grade, the elementary courses which are a part of the curriculum in grades one through eight.

The chief purposes of this project were:

1. To establish goals towards which every teacher shall work, contributing through her teaching and guidance to a planned total education of the children under her supervision.
2. To unify courses of study. A pupil moving from a third grade in one school to a third grade in another should have little trouble in making the adjustment.
3. To facilitate the entrance of a new teacher into our system.
4. To avoid unnecessary duplication in subject matter.
5. To propose such changes in textbooks and other instructional material as may seem advisable.
6. To have, in written form, a planned educational program for our elementary schools. When this is not available, there is apt to be confusion.

The title of the book is "Elementary Schools Curriculum Guide." The word, "Guide," in the title is the key to its value. It should be considered a source of help, a tool to better instruction, and a means of coordinating the efforts of all who participate in the elementary school education of the youth of our community. There must be elasticity to any worthwhile program, and the opportunity for a teacher to use initiative should always be encouraged. These courses of study are the core of

learning, but there is much more to modern education than can be placed between the covers of a book. In many interesting ways, according to her ability and personality, each teacher will add immeasurably to the hard, cold statements in the guide, breathing life and meaning into our educational program.

Planning for the Future

At the annual town meeting in March, a school building expansion proposal will be placed before the voters for approval. The proposal calls for the acquisition of a plot of land some forty acres in area and for the building of a high school, a trade school, and common facilities for cafeteria, assembly, athletics, and physical education. If the proposal is accepted, the present Cole Trade High School building will be converted into an elementary school of seven rooms, and the Mary E. Wells High School building will accommodate pupils of the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. The Marcy Street and Mechanic Street School buildings will be abandoned; the other elementary schools will be used for kindergarten, and grades one through five.

If the recommendations of the School Building Planning Committee are adopted, within two years not only will there be adequate space for the foreseeable future but also, quite suddenly for such a tremendous change, Southbridge will have a department of education which will be modern in every respect. Facilities which are available to high school students in most towns of our state now, will then be a part of our educational program.

The cost is great but the rewards are immeasurable. The consummation of the project will bring educational opportunities to the high school students of Southbridge equal to those of young people in neighboring towns. There will be a school library, complete facilities for the teaching of science of physical education, music, art, and the trades. There will be enough room in the elementary schools to create some of the special areas which are now a part of grade school work. There will be segregation according to age, and this element is a desirable one wherever it can be accomplished.

The Southbridge School Committee and the Southbridge School Building Planning Committee are in complete accord that this proposal is the best plan of school building expansion for Southbridge. This plan has grown out of a two-year study both by them and by their predecessors, the Citizens Committee for Better Schools. They who have worked so long and diligently on this project ask only that every citizen in Southbridge investigate the proposal completely so that he may know from his own experience all the elements of the plan. The School Building Planning Committee, headed by Mr. George Metras, stands ready and eager to meet with any group and submit to

any questions concerning the proposed new school and changes in the system allied to it.

Conclusion.

The success or failure of a Superintendent of Schools is largely dependent upon the attitudes, the cooperation, and the achievements of those with whom he labors. If this past year has been a good one, and I think it has been a year of progress, I would extend a word of appreciation to a hard-working, loyal corps of principals, teachers, supervisors, secretaries, and custodians; to a school committee which has met every problem with open mind and has accepted responsibilities with unswerving directness; to about two thousand friendly, cooperative young people who are a school's reason for being.

MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL

DR. JAMES M. ROBERTSON, Principal

The enrollment for the year 1956-1957, as of October, is divided as follows: Seniors—96, Juniors—84, Sophomores—111, Freshmen—161, Eighth Graders—161, making a total of 613 students.

Program of Studies

Diplomas are granted upon completion of four different courses; namely: Academic, Commercial, Civic-Social, and Homemaking.

Seventy-five pupils were graduated on June 8, 1956, and their names are included in this report for the information of interested citizens.

Class of 1956

John Waldemar Anderson	†Judith Anne Davey
*Lorraine Lucille Arpin	John Vincent Lachapelle
*Bruce Stuart Baker	†Robert Henry Lamothe
Irene Carolyn Barnes	*Donald Samuel Lapierre
*Catherine Fay Beebe	*Roger Henry Lapierre
†Vasil Thomas Bellos	*Patricia Ann Leveille
*William Ernest Borsari	†Dolores Estelle Liro
Raymond Alcide Brousseau	Guido Domenic Digregorio
†Janet Marie Bumpus	*Jean Helen Duda
James Patrick Canty, Jr.	Joann Lillian Dulmaine
*Judith Joyce Caron	James Bruce Dunn
Rachel Joan Carpentier	Henry Frederick, Jr.
Patricia Ann Carragher	Donald Normand Gaudette
†William Henri Clifford	†Kleopatra George
Michael James Congdon	*Kathleen Joan Grandone
Joseph Philip Cordi	Judith Ann Groth
Harry James Costa	Kenneth Hall

Clayre Beatrice Hill
 †Joanne Gay Houle
 †Nancy Keating Hughes
 †Maureen Margaret Israel
 †David Arthur Kavanagh
 *Patricia Louise Kirry
 Barbara Kovalesski
 Chester John Krupinski
 †Jacqueline Annette Poirier
 David Joseph Quinn
 John Henry Rawson
 †James Heater Robertson
 †Paula Marie Rubenstein
 Eugene Walter Saletnik
 Barbara Joan McRoy
 Carolyn Fay McRoy
 Anna Rita Marino
 †Paul Armand Mathieu
 †Roland Paul Meunier
 *Diane Godard Michaels

Arthur Mitchell
 †Patricia Margaret Nichols
 Barbara Ann Osberg
 *Bessie Naomi Pantos
 Theresa Ida Peck
 Alan Lewis Phillips
 Margaret Evelyn Serleto
 *Irene Amelia Simonelli
 Raymond Milton Snow
 *Peter Joseph Sugda
 *James Thanas Tanca
 Helen Victoria Topi
 *Joyce Madeline Ugalde
 Dorothy Peggy Vangel
 †Alexandria Marie Veshia
 Ferdinand John Volpini
 Elizabeth Marie Williams
 Kenneth Francis Willis
 †Marcia Warren Wilson

‡ War Diploma

Mario Piccione

Lawrence David Smith

Improvements in the School Plant

There have been several major improvements in the school building. These include:

1. A modern girls' lavatory installed on the basement floor
2. Additional lockers purchased and installed on the first floor, bringing the total number of lockers to 153, which affords locker space for 306 students.
3. Two additional rooms equipped with modern moveable furniture
4. The painting of the interior of the school which was started two years ago and recently completed

* General average of 80% or above for four years.

† Members of the National Honor Society.

‡ Any person, who enters the armed services of the United States during time of war or during a period of national emergency by declaration of the President of the United States and has completed the first half of his senior year in a public high school and is in good standing in said school on the date of his entrance into said armed services, shall be granted a diploma forthwith, and shall for all purposes, be considered to have completed his entire high school course. (State Department of Education: Chapter 91—Acts of 1954.)

5. The installation of six new I. B. M. clocks
6. The installation of oil heat in the school plant

Junior Red Cross

The Junior Red Cross is a service organization. This group, under the able direction of Miss Luise Corbin, gives cheer and aid to the destitute, the ill, and the unfortunate.

The work of the group with the veterans supplements the tremendous task carried on by local, state, and national patriotic groups.

The work of the Junior Red Cross, however, is not confined to local problems. Cognizant of the needs of many of our overseas allies, they have filled chests full of supplies that will take care of a school of forty-eight pupils for a period of one year. Each chest costs one hundred dollars to fill. The Mary E. Wells Chapter of the Junior Red Cross has sent chests to Hungary.

Guidance Department

The work of the Guidance Department will be covered in the report of the Guidance Director, Mr. Sven Rosengren.

The Commercial Course

The commercial program includes: typewriting, book-keeping, comptometry, filing, office practice, and all general business courses. The cooperative program with industry is still in operation. The course takes place in the last semester of the senior year and permits pupils to alternate work weeks with instruction weeks. The students, four units of them, take places in reliable business institutions and have found this program most beneficial.

The equipment of the Commercial Department is kept at maximum efficiency.

The College Preparatory Course

The college preparatory course prepares students for all leading universities and colleges in the country. Many of the pupils receive large scholarships, a tribute to their own industry and a tribute to the excellent instruction of their teachers. Students from this course have entered such leading institutions as the following: Cornell, Connecticut College for Women, Brown University, The College of the Holy Cross, Tufts, Dartmouth, University of Massachusetts, Boston University, University of Michigan, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Clark University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard University, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Smith College, Mount Holyoke, Wellesley College, Simmons College, Columbia University, University

of Connecticut, University of New Hampshire, Williams College, Colorado College, Ohio State University, The College of New Rochelle, California Institute of Technology, Georgia Institute of Technology, Pennsylvania State College, Northeastern University, Westminster College, Bates, Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy, Colby, plus most of the leading business colleges, and nursing schools.

The Eighth Grades

The eighth grades of the school system are still housed in the high school building. This year it has been necessary, because of increased enrollment, to have five eighth grade home rooms. The pupils receive the program opportunities of the high school, and they are eligible for all high-school activities, including sports.

Student Council Activities

The Student Council of the Mary E. Wells High School plays an important part between students and administration. This organization is under the direction of Miss Rose Brodeur. The values of the organization are manifold.

1. Pupils participate in or manage extracurricular affairs.
2. Responsibility, initiative, and leadership are developed.
3. Proper Student-Faculty relations are promoted.
4. Training in worthy citizenship is furnished.
5. The general welfare of the school is promoted.
6. The internal administration of the school is aided.

The Fred E. Corbin Chapter of the National Honor Society

The local chapter of the National Honor Society, named in honor of the late Mr. Fred E. Corbin, inducted twenty-six members during the past year. The most recent induction was honored by the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. George Sellig, who spoke at the ceremonies.

The following young people have been inducted into the society during the past year:

March 1956

Seniors

David Kavanagh
Robert Lamothe
Dolores Liro
Paul Mathieu
Patricia Nichols
James H. Robertson
Marcia Wilson

Juniors

Diane Allen
Muriel Brown
Louise Coccia
Marion Croke
Stephanie Domijan
Carole Dudek
Kenneth Ethier
Vincent Kochanek
Florence Ludwin
Loda Slota

November 1956

Seniors

Thomas Libuda
Theresa Martin
Russell McKinstry

Juniors

Santhe Billis
Alanson Bowen
Madeleine Caplette
Walter Damian
David Harrald
Richard Mathews

Assemblies

Assemblies are held every other week. These assemblies are of immense value to any student body inasmuch as they are not only educational but explore the various phases of school life. Furthermore, they widen and deepen the interest of the pupils and serve as a means of developing public opinion and appreciation. The types of assemblies fall into many categories, such as:

1. Education
2. Music
3. Rallies
4. Drama
5. Club Programs
6. Movies
7. Entertainment
8. Honor Society Installation
9. Science
10. Commerce and Business
11. Observance of Special Days
12. Guidance

The assemblies are held in the auditorium of the high school.

Senior Class Trip

One of the extracurricular activities which is of educational value is the trip taken by the seniors to Washington, D. C. In order to acquaint the townspeople with the educational value of this trip, the routine itinerary is published in the local newspapers.

Recommendations

There are several recommendations that I would like to make at this time:

1. That modern lavatory facilities for eighth and ninth grade boys be installed on the basement floor under Room 115.
2. That a complete renovation of the Science Laboratory be made. New equipment is needed to keep abreast with the rapid progress of science.

3. That a library be started and a teacher-librarian be appointed.
4. That more lockers be installed until enough are furnished to take care of all pupils' personal belongings, coats, rubbers, etc.
5. That the industrial arts program be expanded in order that those pupils who are not interested in a trade education may have the benefit from allied courses.
6. That a Biology Laboratory be installed so that pupils may conduct experiments to increase their interest in the subject.
7. That a survey be made to determine the proper methods of lighting all rooms in the school.
8. That more recent business equipment be installed in the Commercial Department.
9. That money be appropriated for assembly programs.
10. That after ten years' consecutive service, teachers and administrators be given a sabbatical leave at full pay for professional study or travel.
11. That a yearly allotment of not less than \$1500 be appropriated for the band—an unusually worthy group which has been forced to be self-supporting.

I wish to express my appreciation to the townspeople for their continued efforts in behalf of the Mary E. Wells High School, and I extend my thanks to the School Department for support.

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION and EVENING VOCATIONAL COURSES

DR. JAMES M. ROBERTSON, Director

Classes in evening vocational subjects were offered again this year and proved to be very well attended. The following vocational classes were started in September:

Elementary Sewing	Three classes
Advanced Dressmaking	One class
Tailoring	One class
Cooking	One class

University Extension classes were offered in the commercial and academic fields:

Elementary Typewriting	One class
Advanced Typewriting	One class

These classes were conducted under the supervision of the State Department of Education and were instructed by accredited teachers.

Other classes in the vocational, commercial, and academic fields will be offered when the demand for them is sufficient to form such classes.

COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

RAYMOND L. W. BENOIT, Director

We are faced again with the problem of space at the Cole Trade High School. This past September marks the third consecutive school year when we were unable to accept all of the boys who desired Vocational Training. This condition is created by minimum requirements set up by the State Department of Vocational Education in order to maintain safe and efficient training. To illustrate, we are training thirteen boys in a nine-boy shop, as set up by the State minimums. In spite of this we still have boys waiting to get into this shop. This condition exists in all trades.

I believe that we have arrived at that point where we must be a little more discerning in the selection of our future trainees. This can be accomplished by giving the candidates a battery of tests and, on the basis of these tests, we would use a more direct method of counseling. At present we have not kept anyone from trade training on the basis of test scores.

Class of 1956

Cabinetmakers

DiBonaventura, Guerino John	Sanderski, Stanley Anthony, Jr.
Holden, John Alan	Scanlon, Michael Richard
Peckham, Bradford Lyon	Smith, Robert William
Wells, John Allan	

Draftsmen

Anctil, Daniel Raye	Gentili, Arthur Quinto, Jr.
Lach, John Henry	

Electricians

Caraccio, Camille Rosario	Iacobucci, John Joseph, Jr.
Dalrymple, Colin Oliver	Lavallee, Andre Alfred
Olsta, Donald Henry	

Machinists

Cloutier, Albert Ernest	Salce, Luigi Carmine
Delage, Norman Edward	Suprenant, Oliver Frank
Lawson, Robert Graham	Taylor, Kenneth Norman
Lippe, Alfred John	Trombley, George Francis

Metalsmiths

Leduc, Paul Roger	Leduc, William Leo
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Class Officers

President	John J. Iacobucci, Jr.
Vice-President	John H. Lach
Secretary	Robert G. Lawson
Treasurer	Alfred J. Lippe
Class Advisor	Mr. Lucian J. Manchuk

Awards

American Legion Post No. 31 Award (Good Citizenship)	John Iacobucci
Director's Gold "C"	Alfred Lippe
English	Luigi Salce
History	Arthur Gentili
Mathematics	John Iacobucci
Science	Luigi Salce
Reader's Digest Award	John Lach

Evening School Division

Woodworking:

Mr. Frank P. Skinyon	12
Mr. David F. Knight	16

Drafting:

Mr. John L. Benson	27
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Machine:

Mr. William B. Paul	15
Mr. Edwin J. Waskiewicz	13

Soldering-Welding:

Mr. George H. Braman	27
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Furniture Refinishing:

Mrs. Margaret B. Baybutt	29
Mr. Antonio Orsini	25

Apprentice:

Mr. John L. Benson	7
Mr. Frank P. Skinyon	14

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In conclusion, I thank the townspeople, the School Committee, the Advisory Board, the Superintendent of Schools, the Faculty, the office staffs, and our custodian for their valuable aid in helping to make Vocational Education a success in the Town of Southbridge.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

LOTTIE A. LeBLANC, School Nurse

Some of the more essential work being done by the School Health Department can be better understood from the following statistics:

Physical Examinations	782
Visits to Schools	354
Vision Tests	1,985
Hearing Tests	1,956

Home Visits	198
Conferences on Health Problems	1,397
Dental Care	361
Inoculations	6,227
Pre-School Clinic Registration	293
Donation for Milk by Lions Club	\$800
Census of physically handicapped completed.	
Census of the blind completed.	
Five home teachers provided for children unable to go to school.	
Clear Type books obtained from the Massachusetts Division of the Blind for two pupils.	
Routine chest X-ray of School Personnel made.	

In conclusion, I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the success of the 1956 Health Program.

PLAYGROUND REPORT

DR. LEWIS A. KYRIOS, Director

The playground season began on July 19, 1956 and ended August 17, 1956, a period of six weeks. The activities were conducted at the following areas: Charlton Street, Eastford Road, West Street, Pleasant Street, and the Town Hall.

Personnel

Director Dr. Lewis A. Kyrios
 Supervisor of Arts & Crafts Mrs. Kathryn Beauregard

Charlton Street Playground

Supervisors Mrs. Helen Duquette, Mr. Eugene Remian
 Assistants Miss Nancy Hughes, Miss Susan Girard

Eastford Road Playground

Supervisor Mr. Vincent Puracchio
 Assistants Miss Mary Butler, Miss Judith Caron

West Street Playground

Supervisor Mr. Anthony Sapienza
 Assistants Miss Antoinette DelGreco, Miss Kathryn Hart

Pleasant Street Playground

Supervisor Miss Madelene Proulx
 Assistants Miss Genevieve Hetu, Miss Jacqueline Eno,
 Mr. Lee Partlow

Enrollment and Attendance

Total Enrollment	1,140
Average Daily Attendance	480
Average Percentage of Attendance	44%
Largest Daily Attendance	62%

Activities

Intro-playground competition in softball, volleyball, and dodgeball, was offered. Basketball, zellball, horseshoes, and ping-pong were presented as intro-playground activities. Singing games, quiet games, swings, slides, jungle-gym, and sandbox activities were listed for the "little people."

Arts and Crafts

The Arts and Crafts Exhibit under the capable supervision of Mrs. Kathryn Beauregard was outstanding. The Exhibit was held in the Town Hall on August 16 from 2:00 to 4:00 p. m. and from 7:00 to 9:00 p. m. Over 4,000 items were displayed. Parents and friends of the children were invited and over 500 people attended.

Safety Program

The Safety Program was very successful, and the results were excellent. There were no major accidents.

I wish to extend my appreciation to all those who helped to make the Playground season a success.

GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT

SVEN O. ROSENGREN, Director

Testing Program

Tests administered to pupils in the Southbridge Public Schools during the past year were selected to conform to a regular pattern of testing previously approved and established for the system. Briefly, this pattern provides for testing interest, scholastic aptitude, vocational aptitude, and achievement.

The California Tests of Mental Maturity were administered in the fall to all pupils in grades 1, 4, 7, 9, and 11. In the spring all pupils in grades 1 through 8 responded to the California Achievement Test Battery. In addition to this group testing, tests were administered individually to pupils transferring to us from other school systems.

A battery of tests, measuring interest, intelligence, mechanical and clerical aptitude, and reading, was administered to all eighth grade students prior to their selection of high-school programs. The test results were used in counseling pupils and in conference with parents.

In cooperation with the director of the Cole Trade High School, another selected battery of tests was administered to ninth grade pupils of that school. This battery included a group of three mechanical aptitude tests, two intelligence tests, and one diagnostic reading test. It was intended to provide predictive data and to isolate reading problems now existing in the tested group.

Representatives from Boston University administered a psychometric battery of tests to the Junior classes of Mary E. Wells and Cole Trade High Schools in February 1956. Analyses and individual psychometric profiles were subsequently received from the University for use in counseling.

Counseling

A counseling service is provided for students in the Southbridge Public Schools. Some of this counseling was achieved through group situations. In some instances the counseling process included parents and pupils but, in the large, counseling was of an individual nature.

The graduating class of 1956 numbered seventy-five students, 42 per cent of whom continued on to further education in four-year colleges, junior colleges, business schools, and nursing schools.

Employment

Thirty-seven per cent of the students in the class of 1956 became employed in full-time jobs after graduation from high school. A part-time placement service is also provided by the Guidance Department.

Recommendations

1. It is recommended that a Dean of Girls be appointed in the Mary E. Wells High School to assist in the counseling program.
2. An analysis of test data indicates that there is a need for a remedial reading program in our schools.

The Director of Guidance and Placement wishes to thank all members of the Southbridge School Department for their cooperation in the administration of the guidance activity.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC REPORT

PAUL J. SWEET, Director

In submitting my annual report, several things stand out prominently as definite accomplishments during the past year.

First, the high school band has successfully made the transition from a marching band for the football games and public parades to a concert band, which presented several excellent programs both in town and out of town. It received a rating of excellent at the music festival held last May in Auburn.

Second, a junior band was maintained. This band went to the festival in Auburn. It took part in several local parades, including the Memorial Day parade for which it received much acclaim.

One of the musical highlights of the year was the annual Christmas assembly at which the high school band was enthusiastically received by the student body.

Late in the year a new group of elementary students were enrolled in the instrumental music program and will, after the first of the year, be formed into a band and will take part in several spring concerts.

The instrumental music department is handling a total of about one hundred twenty-five students from grades five through twelve.

This past fall saw the greatest demand for enrollment in the instrumental music course with about forty-five pupils accepted. Almost forty-five more pupils could not be accommodated because of the present crowded schedule of the instructor. It is the hope of the director that an additional instrumental music instructor be added to the staff so that all children who wish to have an experience in active music may be accommodated.

In conclusion may I take this opportunity to thank all the custodians, teachers, principals, and office secretaries who, by their many kind acts, have helped make my work a little easier.

CAFETERIA REPORT

MRS. EDITH FREEMAN, Supervisor

There has been an increase in the use of the cafeteria this year. Servings have averaged between 450 and 475 every school day.

Reprocessed equipment, a deep freeze and a mixing machine, have been added. A slicing machine, donated by Mr. Harry McMahon, is appreciated greatly and eliminates the cost of slicing meat.

The need for added refrigeration is great. It is necessary to store Government frozen foods in Putnam, Connecticut, since the Bradley Company went out of business. A new refrigeration locker at the High School would alleviate this condition.

A ventilating fan is also needed in the kitchen.

The Elementary Milk Program in the Elementary schools remains on the same high level. The Southbridge Lions Club continues to pay for milk for those who cannot afford it.

The Southbridge Evening Women's Club and the Marcy Street P. T. A. pay for the lunches of the needy children in Mrs. Reed's room. This is a highly commendable project because good nutrition aids these children in doing better work.

ART DEPARTMENT

CLAIRE BIRTZ, Supervisor

Due to the large increase in the number of classrooms in elementary and junior high schools, and the larger enrollment in high-school art classes, it has become impossible for one art supervisor to teach art in the senior high and junior high

schools. It is also impossible to visit each elementary classroom every two weeks as originally planned. Because of this situation, lessons have been curtailed to one thirty-minute period a month for each elementary classroom. Classroom teachers have co-operated, and they are doing very fine work, but specialized training is needed for those who teach art.

Our schools are well supplied with art materials. First to fourth grade pupils use easel paints and brushes. Clay, crayons, and special papers for projects are provided. Each fifth grade student has a box of water colors, plus easel paints, lettering pens, inks, and materials for special projects. Sixth and seventh grade students have water color boxes, tempera paints, lettering pens, colored inks, chalks, and crayons. Metallic papers, poster board, and colored papers are also available. Eighth grade students are provided with water colors, tempera paints, lettering pens and ink, crayons, linoleum blocks for Christmas cards, poster board, and paper in many colors.

New art books for teacher and pupil reference are being added each year to the libraries at each elementary school. These schools are well provided with all art supplies but, at present, there is not enough art supervision.

The high-school art classes present another problem. Due to shortage of space, all of our year's supplies must be kept in the art room. Classes have increased in size, but the art room is not any larger. To our sorrow, we cannot carry on some of the large projects we have in mind. This year, advanced classes in high school have done some very creditable oil paintings, and, with the addition of a small kiln, we have had very fine results in enameling on copper. I would like also to include ceramics, but that would require more space and storage shelves which we can not provide.

AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS DEPARTMENT

EDWARD DESROCHES, Director

It is a foregone conclusion among educational researchers that audio-visual instructional materials are just as much a part of the instructional program as are textbooks, workbooks, etc. Children learn more in less time and remember longer when audio-visual instructional materials are used to teach them. In fact, the total educational program is made more meaningful by the use of these materials.

The marked increase in teacher requests for audio-visual materials in 1956 would seem to indicate that teachers in Southbridge are becoming increasingly more cognizant of the tremendous educational potentialities of these materials in the instructional program. Teachers used more films, filmstrips, lantern slides and tape recordings in 1956 than in any previous year.

New Equipment and Materials

The services of the Department were extended during the year by the purchase of several pieces of much-needed equipment. A new 16mm sound projector and two 4-speed record players were added to the Department. The latter purchases, accompanied by the purchase of carefully selected educational records, will, in actuality, mean an entirely new service to teachers.

In addition to the above purchases, forty filmstrips were added to our fast-growing filmstrip library. Our library now carries over four hundred titles which are all closely correlated with various subject-matter areas of the curriculum.

Student Projectionists

Students, selected and trained by the director, continue to relieve teachers of projection details whenever projected aids are used. This service has done much to encourage teachers to make greater use of audio-visual materials in their teaching.

Research

Research, initiated in 1954, on the problem, "Building the Type of Audio-Visual Aids Program which should be in Operation in the Southbridge Public Schools," was completed in July 1956. Every phase of the audio-visual program was thoroughly investigated in this work and extensive recommendations made for the improvement of our present program.

Consideration is given to such areas as personnel, teacher training, equipment need in individual schools, classroom design, audio-visual center lay-out, etc. The completeness of this research should help greatly in the future development of audio-visual instruction in Southbridge.

Community Services

Equipment and operators were provided for many community organizations in 1956. The following organizations were recipients of such services: Mother's Club, Girl Scouts, Association for the Mentally Retarded, Rotary Club, U. S. Postal Department, and the Jacob Edwards Public Library.

The successful administration of the audio-visual program would remain an impossibility without the cooperation of all school personnel. I wish, therefore, to express my sincere appreciation to all principals, supervisors, and teachers for their interest and assistance in the audio-visual program.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

DR. LEWIS A. KYRIOS, Director

The general function of our Physical Education program is to assist in providing a medium for the normal growth and natural development of each pupil.

In order to fulfill the above desire, our Physical Education program has been divided into three distinct phases: regular gym classes, the controlled recess program, and the after-school athletic program.

Regular gym classes are offered in the following learning levels: grade six boys and girls, grade seven boys and girls, all grades of Cole Trade High School, special classes—boys and girls. Each student of the above levels are insured one period of regular gym during the week. This phase of physical education involves twenty-eight gym periods and ten levels of learning.

The following units are stressed in our regular gym classes: Formalized Activities, Military Drill and Calisthenics, Stunts and Self-Testing Activities, Tumbling, Pyramids, Basic Skills, Group Games, and Recreational Sports.

The controlled recess program has been organized for all students in grades one through five. The activities offered are based on the abilities of the students of each grade. A definite schedule has been introduced to allow minimum use of areas, facilities and equipment, and to insure safe participation for all students. This particular phase of physical education is planned and organized by the Director, and each classroom teacher administrated the program. Two new teaching manuals, listing and explaining the various activities, have been developed by the Director for the convenience of the classroom teacher.

The after-school athletic program has been organized to give the elementary school student an opportunity to participate in competitive sports with proper supervision. Boys may participate in touch softball, basketball, and baseball. The girls are offered basketball and softball. Regular schedules have been developed. All the students participating in these activities are properly supervised by their coaches. All teams are properly clothed. Practices and games are held in the elementary gyms and on the playgrounds of our schools.

In conclusion I wish to thank the principals and classroom teachers in our elementary schools for their generous collaboration and cooperation in establishing these programs.



